

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 4/14/04	22:00 CONTENT
PA SENATORIAL DEBATE	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	SATURDAY, 4/3/04	58:00 CONTENT
PA CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	MONDAY, 4/19/04	58:00 CONTENT

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

PA SENATORIAL DEBATE – A single episode special program produced by the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters that provided viewers the opportunity to see and hear the opinions of candidates in the Pennsylvania Republican Senatorial Primary race. Candidates Arlen Specter and Pat Toomey were the participants. The program followed a debate format. The show aired Saturday, April 3, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

PA CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE – A single episode special program locally produced that provided viewers the opportunity to see and hear the opinions of candidates in the Pennsylvania Republican Congressional Primary race for the 9th District. Candidates Bill Shuster and Michael DelGrosso. The program followed a debate format. The show aired Monday, April 19, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
APRIL, MAY, & JUNE 2004

1. PRISON, CRIMES & LAW ISSUES
2. SOMERSET TEACHER CONTRACT DISPUTE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES
3. LOCAL HOSPITAL ISSUES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
4. DRUG ABUSE ISSUES
5. IRAQI PRISON SCANDAL / LOCAL TIES
6. GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES
7. PA PRIMARY & OTHER ELECTION/POLITICAL ISSUES
8. TAX ISSUES
9. GOVERNMENT ISSUES
10. CENTRE COUNTY LANDFILL & OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES
11. FLASH FLOODING PROBLEMS
12. SAFETY ISSUES
13. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS ISSUES
14. PRESCRIPTION CARDS & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS' ISSUES
15. WOMEN'S ISSUES
16. TEEN ISSUES
17. FAMILY ISSUES
18. ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS & OTHER ROADS, PARKING, & TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
16. DISCRIMINATION & DIVERSITY ISSUES

*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

Public Service Announcement Listing 2nd Quarter 2004 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Description	Length
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW			
"CRIMINAL RECORD"	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTER	ONE IN FOUR BULLIES WILL HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD BY THE AGE OF 30	:30
"IDENTITY THEFT"	U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE	JERRY ORBACH - ON IDENTITY THEFT	:15
ISSUE: EDUCATION			
"OPERATION GRADUATION"	AD COUNCIL	MONTAGE OF KIDS TELLING ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND TO STAY IN SCHOOL	:30
ISSUE: HEALTH			
"KIDS/ MINORITIES"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	SMOKING TARGETS KIDS/MINORITIES	:30
"LOOKS GLAMOROUS"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU THINK	:15
"WILLIAMS / MARCH OF DICES"	MARCH OF DICES	VANESSA WILLIAMS TALKING ABOUT THE MARCH OF DICES AND BIRTH DEFECTS	:30
"SUBTITLES"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	MAN AFTER REHAB - WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN - HIS LITTLE GIRL IS PROUD OF HIM	:30
"ALWAYS GIVE HUGS"	CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL	PEDIATRICIAN/MOM - KNOW WHEN ANTIBIOTICS HELP AND WHEN THEY DON'T	:30
"WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE"	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM - THEY CAN HELP	:60 :30 :15
"SMALL GESTURES"	SPEICAL OLYMICS OF PA	SUPPORT THE SPECIAL OLMPICS	:30
"CELEBRATION 2004"	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS	ANCHORS TALKING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRINKING	:30
ISSUE: DRUG ABUSE			
"CORONER MOSAIC"	DRUG FREE PA	MOSAIC OF A TEEN WHO DIED SERVES AS A BACKDROP FOR CORONER WHO EXAMINES HER	:10 :30
"JIM"	DRUG FREE PA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10
"HEROIN FLATLINE"	DRUG FREE PA	SHOWS HOW HEROIN CAN BE FATAL	:30
ISSUE: JOBS / ECONOMY /			

BUSINESSS			
"PRICELESS RESOURCES"	USDA	COUPLE CHECKING OUT AT GROCERY STORE – SUPPORT FARMERS WHO CARE FOR OUR PRICELESS NATURAL RESOURCES.	:30
"AMERICA'S TRUCK DRIVERS"	AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION	TRUCK DRIVERS PROUD OF HOW THEY DELIVER PRODUCTS PEOPLE NEED	:30
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT			
"USERRA"	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	SECRETARY OF LABOR, ELAINE CHOW, TALKING ABOUT OUR ARMED FORCES RETURNING AND HOW YOU MUST HIRE THEM BACK	:30
"LENNY MOORE 2"	THE SECOND MILE	LENNY MORE TALKING ABOUT WHAT SECOND MILE DOES	:30
ISSUE: WOMEN'S ISSUES			
"TAKE THE PLEDGE" GENERIC	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE	VARIOUS MALE MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION – BOTH FAMOUS AND NOT – SAYING THAT WILL NOT HURT WOMEN	:30 :15
"NEWS OF SMALL BUSINESSES"	CONSUMER SCIENCES	HOW WOMEN CAN START HOME BASED BUSINESSES	:30
ISSUE: SENIOR'S ISSUES			
"DON'T PLAY WITH YOUR MONEY"	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	OLDER PEOPLE SHOULD DIRECT DEPOSIT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY, PENSIONS, ETC.	:30
"INDEPENDENCE"	FAITH IN ACTION	DELLA REESE SAYING THAT DIFFERENT PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS CAN COME TOGETHER TO HELP ELDERLY	:60
ISSUE: SAFETY ISSUES			
"BOOSTER SEAT EDUCATION"	AD COUNCIL	PARENTS TREATING TEST DUMMY AS A CHILD	:30
ISSUE: DISCRIMINATION ISSUES			
"WHY"	RACIAL COOPERATION	LITTLE GIRL AT PLAYGROUND – MOM WANTS	:60

		HER TO PLAY WITH WHITE KIDS	
ISSUE: FAMILYISSUES			
"PARENTS"	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS	ADVICE FOR PARENTS ON BULLYING	:30
"DOMESTIC VIOLENCE"	AD COUNCIL	CHILD ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	:30

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW ISSUES APRIL

4/1/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PRISON INVESTIGATION

Police are now investigating a constable's claim of being held against his will at the Centre County Prison. A criminal complaint has been filed against the warden and the prison staff.
:31 - VO

4/1/04, 5 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

AMERICAN GYPSIES

Every year during the Spring and Summer, scam artists known as American Gypsies prey on unsuspecting victims, offering a service and taking the money without doing the work. Natasha McBroom reports on how to protect against these gypsies.

:48 - Package

David Shields - Altoona Water Authority

4/2/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

MEGAN'S LAW - HOW EFFECTIVE

Megan's Law is meant to protect children from sexual predators, but what happens when important information about one of those predators living in your area is not released? Katie Collett reports on the situation in a Johnstown neighborhood and why Megan's Law didn't work.

1:16 - Package

Capt. Andy Frear - Johnstown Police Dept.

Robert Casey, Jr. - Auditor General

Trooper Jeffrey Miller - PA State Police

4/2/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DEPUTY SAFETY

Lots of sheriff departments are reacting to the murders of two deputies who were gunned down this week while serving a bench warrant in Bradford County, PA. While deputies are highly trained, even the most experienced can fall prey to this random kind of shooting.

:49 - SOT/VO

Bob Kolar - Cambria County sheriff

4/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

SEX OFFENDER

Imagine the shock one Johnstown neighborhood got when they learned that a sex offender was living nearby and had been for some time. Why did the PA State Police fail to let local police know? Katie Collett reports.

:53 - Package

Sam McAdams - Johnstown

4/5/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Police busted close to 30 Penn State Altoona students for underage drinking over this weekend. But will it deter other students from making the same mistake? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:37 - Package

Chief Ron Heller - Logan Township Police

Joy Himmel - Penn State Altoona

Kevin Stewart - Star Beverage

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4/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PRISON INVESTIGATION

Last week's incident at the Centre County jail where a constable says he was illegally detained remains under investigation, but the county commissioners are backing the warden. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 – Package

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

4/5/04, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

PSU STUDENT PATROLS

The Downtown Safety Enhancement Program uses Penn State students in uniform working with University Police to patrol the downtown area overnight in an effort to reduce the steady rise in assaults.

:28 – VO

4/6/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BABY ABUSE UP

An increase in child abuse cases is causing alarm, particularly those involving infants. Their softer bones make them much more susceptible to severe injuries.

:40 – SOT/VO

Terry Watson – Child & Youth Services

4/6/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

ATTORNEY AT RISK

A prosecuting position in the Blair County D.A.'s office that handles all domestic violence cases could be cut due to federal funding cuts. With that caseload growing, commissioners don't think that now is the time to delete that job.

:52 – SOT/VO

Dave Gorman – Blair County D.A.

4/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

MORE LIGHTING

Crime concerns in State College have a number of groups calling for better street lighting downtown. Problem areas have been identified, and work is moving ahead to add more lights along with other safety improvements. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 – Package

Mark Whitfield – State College Public Works Director

Ian Rosenberger – Penn State Student

4/8/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

DRUG RING BUSTED

After two years of undercover work, police in Blair and Cambria County shook up a major crack-cocaine operation. What does it take to carry off a two year investigation? Natasha McBroom reports.

:40 – Package

Jerry Pappert – PA Attorney General

4/12/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

KENNEL OWNER CHARGED

A Bedford County puppy mill owner has been found guilty on several charges of animal cruelty

:53 – SOT/VO

Chris Kougher – Golden Retriever Rescue

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4/14/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CHANGE IN THE LAW

State Representative Matt Baker of Tioga County announced new legislation to bring justice to accident victims by allowing a period of one year for law enforcement officials to bring summary charges against those who cause accidents.

:39 – SOT/VO

Rep. Matt Baker – (R) 68th District

4/16/04, 5 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

ADVISORY BOARD

A Police Advisory Board made up of local residents will watch over the police department in Johnstown. It was created because of several scandals over the past three years involving racial profiling, an officer using drugs, and an office involved in domestic abuse that escalated to murder.

:51 – SOT/VO

Chief Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Department

4/19/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HOME INVASION

State police are issuing a warning to residents in the area to keep safe from home invasions. Home invasions are becoming a serious threat in the area. Unlike burglars, these criminals are fully prepared to confront, hurt, or even kill those in the home.

:37 – VO

4/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LEACH IN COURT

Attorneys for convicted cop killer Mark Leach were back in Cambria County court today arguing that the judge did not allow the argument for self-defense.

:45 – SOT/VO

Thomas Dickey – Leach's Defense Attorney

4/20/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

UNDERAGE DRINKING

State Police responded today to allegations that they are targeting Penn State students in their stepped-up campaign to crack down on underage drinking. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Kristen Kofhmel – Off-Campus Union

Tom King – State College Police Chief

4/20/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HOME INVASION SEMINAR

State and local police are concerned about the threat of home invasions and they are teaming up to teach people prevention. Meyersdale residents learned about the scam of people dressed as utility workers to get into their homes.

:56 – SOT/VO

4/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

CONTROVERSIAL CASE

Centre County's District Attorney is again defending the decision to press criminal charges in a deadly vehicle accident. Legal experts are split on whether such cases are simple accidents or criminal incidents. Gary Sinderson reports.

:51 – Package

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A

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4/21/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

One community believes that, as a community, they should support those who are victims of violent crimes. Residents of Clearfield rallied at the courthouse to do just that.

:49 - SOT/VO

Susan Pallo - Hero Project

4/26/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

JOINT COPS

Altoona City Council is considering participating in a study that would show the pros and cons of regionalization or the combining of police forces from the city of Altoona, Logan Township, and Hollidaysburg.

:43 - SOT/VO

Dale Frye - Governor's Center

4/28/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TOWN MEETING

Questions and controversy will be tackled tonight in a town meeting tied to State College's police crackdown on underage drinking. Penn State students are especially upset about the Source Investigation Program.

:43 - SOT/VO

Kristen Kaufmehl - PSU Off-campus Union

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5/3/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

TEACHER PENSION LAW

State Senator Jane Earl wants to close a loophole in a law that allows teachers convicted of sex crimes against students to still collect their pensions.

:36 - VO

5/3/04, 6 PM, Monday Regina Miller

ROBBERY RASH

Another armed robbery in State College is the second in less than a week. Are the crimes connected? Is this a new trend forming? Regina Miller reports.

:50 - Package

Cpl. Mark Argiro - State College Police

5/4/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PFEFFER CLEARED

In a sudden and stunning reversal of a long running court controversy in Centre County a murder charge will be dismissed in a fatal traffic accident. The District Attorney has been pursuing criminal charges against Joseph Pfeffer who ran a stop sign and crashed into another vehicle, killing the passenger. Gary Sinderson reports the change is the result of a Supreme Court decision.

:54 - Package

Joseph Amendole - Pfeffer's attorney

5/5/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SWING VANDALS

More than a million dollars was spent last year on new playgrounds in Johnstown, but now those playgrounds are being vandalized.

:44 - SOT/VO

Cliff Kitner - City of Johnstown

5/5/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SUIT TOSS DENIED

Nine civil lawsuits brought against the Altoona Johnstown Catholic Diocese involving charges of sexual abuse do not tread on the freedom of religion. That's the decision by Blair County Judge Hiram Carpenter.

:50 - VO

5/5/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PRIEST BOOTED

A Roman Catholic priest from the Altoona Johnstown Diocese, suspended after being accused of sexual abuse, has been defrocked.

:24 - VO

5/5/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

PFA ORDERS

Domestic violence is a daily problem for many women. Some turn to courts for help and get a protection-from-abuse order or PFA. But too often, the abuser ignores the order, and ends up committing violence anyway. Despite that, Mark Allen reports that PFA's are the best option available right now.

1:05 - Package

Susan Shahade - Women's Help Center

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5/5/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

PFA ORDERS

Advocates for the abused say that PFA's, protection from abuse orders, don't really offer protection. Mark Allen reports.

2:36 - Package

Jennifer Peterson - Johnstown

Susan Shahade - Women's Help Center

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BEDFORD PHONE SCAMS

A new rash of phone scams in Bedford is targeting senior citizens. People posing as FBI agents or IRS agents say a fee is due to claim prize winnings.

:46 - SOT/VO

Michael Swartzwelder - PA State Police, Bedford

5/12/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

DRUG ENFORCE

There have been a number of shootings this year in Johnstown, and police think that they are all drug-related. Mark Allen reports.

1:07 - Package

Chief Craig Foust - Johnstown Police Department

Dorothy Fitzgerald - Johnstown resident

5/13/04, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ANALYST NOTEBOOK

Police officers from our area were at Juniata College to determine if software used to track down terrorists could help them in their crime investigations.

:47 - SOT/VO

Liz Wiinamaki - Juniata College

5/17/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Victoria Lim

CHILDREN'S IDENTITY

While most victims of identity theft never know the crook, a study says that 17 per cent do. They're family members or relatives. How does that happen? Victoria Lim shows what little is done to stop it.

2:00 - Package

Charlie - Identity theft victim

Richard Lawson - State Attorney

5/18/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

9-1-1- HANGUPS

A new 9-1-1 policy in Blair County may help quell domestic abuse. Now a police officer will automatically be dispatched for every 9-1-1 hangup.

:35 - SOT/VO

Chief Ron Heller - Logan Township Police Dept.

5/18/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

CRIMEWATCH MEETING

After another shooting in Johnstown, the neighborhood of Walnut Grove has decided it is time for a change. They are interested in establishing a Crimewatch program as well as getting concerns in their neighborhood brought to the attention of city government. Katie Collett reports.

1:31 - Package

John Grumbling - Walnut Grove

Pastor Neil Leftwich - United Methodist Church

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5/25/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence is a devastating problem affecting many families in our region. Today, the Women's Help Center sponsored an event to help teach the Johnstown Police Force how to better deal with domestic violence situations.

:41 - SOT/VO

Susan Shahade - Women's Help Center

5/25/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BLAIR PRISON OVER RUN

The new addition to the Blair County Prison will open next week, but it ended up costing close to a quarter of a million dollars more than anticipated.

:36 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

5/27/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

CLERGY ABUSE

Nearly two dozen people who claimed they were sexually abused by priests and a teacher will get a cash settlement from the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Natasha McBroom reports on the settlement.

:48 - Package

Richard M. Serbin - Attorney

5/27/04, 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

ABUSE SETTLEMENT

Tonight the Catholic Diocese is responding to why they have offered cash settlements to almost two dozen abuse victims. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:15 - Live

Bishop Joseph Adamec - Johnstown / Altoona Diocese

Richard M. Serbin - Attorney

5/28/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lee Thompson

INSURANCE FRAUD

Bogus companies are targeting people who don't have health insurance, promising them affordable coverage, only to abandon them with millions of dollars of unpaid claims. Lee Thompson reports.

1:44 - Package

Jill Burgess - Fraud victim

James Quiggle - Coalition Against Fraud

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6/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

INSURANCE SCAM

It is being called one of the largest insurance scams in Pennsylvania history. Six people face charges tonight in a "slip and fall" technique that the State Attorney General says they perfected over the past ten years. Pam Kane reports.

1:02 - Package

Jerry Pappert - Attorney General

6/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

CAMBRIA COUNTY FRAUD

Cambria County leaders are cracking down on what they say is an abuse of the system by some constables who are double and even triple billing their time for transporting prisoners from jail to court. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:01 - Package

Ed Cernic - Cambria county Controller

Gerard Long - Cambria County Judge

6/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

CONSTABLE TALKS

After the Cambria County Controller says the county has lost thousands of dollars because of padded expense sheets by constables, one constable says the allegations are not true. Sophia Wharton reports.

:55 - Package

Unidentified constable

6/7/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

STATE POLICE FUNDING

Lawmakers and Pennsylvania State Police agree there needs to be more troopers. Today the two groups joined together to push for more funding to pay for more manpower.

:48 - SOT/VO

Sen. Sean Logan - (D) 45th District

6/9/04, 5 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA CRIME RATE

The crime rate in Altoona has dropped fifteen percent, according to the Altoona Police. Natasha McBroom reports that an effective program against drugs is getting the credit.

:38 - Package

Randy Feathers - Blair County Drug Task Force

6/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

GUN IN COURT

A recent legal decision in Jefferson County ruled that guns are only prohibited in what is termed "court facilities." That means you can still carry a gun in the entrance ways and halls. That translates to more money needed for extra security. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 - Package

Denny Nau - Centre County Sheriff

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6/14/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BIKE POLICE

The South Force Police Department in Cambria County are now riding around the borough on bicycles. It is a cost cutting measure that some are worried about, due to a longer response time. Others say it is giving officers a chance to forge new relationships with residents.

:39 - SOT/VO

Chris Latoche - Likes cops on bikes

Paul Deffenbaugh - South Fork Police Chief

6/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

State Police are stepping up their efforts to target aggressive drivers. They are trying to make the roads safer. Besides a possible license suspension, an aggressive driving fine can cost as much as \$200 plus court costs.

:43 - SOT/VO

Kevin Stacey - PennDOT

6/17/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PHISHING

An internet scam called phishing is being addressed by an online neighborhood watch program. It involves those who try to steal your personal account information on the internet.

:50 - SOT/VO

Howard Beales - FTC Consumer Protection

6/18/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lea Thompson

COUNTERFEIT CHECKS

Check fraud is growing at a rate of 25% per year, with counterfeit checks leading the way. Lea Thompson has a warning about cashier's checks to help prevent you from being left empty-handed.

1:41 - Package

6/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

The State Police are looking for aggressive drivers. They are targeting I99 between the Route 22 interchange and the 17th Street exit. Police are issuing multiple violation tickets for tail gating, unsafe lane changes, and driving too fast for conditions.

:46 - SOT/VO

Sgt. Tim Mercer - PA State Police

6/22/04, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

JAIL OVERFLOW

Centre County's prison overcrowding problem could send prisoners to Cambria County. Half of the Centre County inmate population is currently housed in the Clinton County Jail, but the price tag there may be too high.

:45 - SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos - Centre County Commissioner

6/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

YOUNG CRIMES

Police estimate several thousand dollars worth of damage was done to Windber Stadium's concession stand in Somerset County. Police were shocked when they discovered the perpetrators were very young kids. When are children legally responsible and what responsibility will the parents have? Katie Collett reports.

:55 - Package

Kelly Callihan - Assistant District Attorney

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6/24/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

COMMISSIONERS BACK DOWN

The Centre County Commissioners are backing down on moving prisoners from Clinton County to Cambria County. They say they are going to stick to their original deal, which means no extra money for Cambria County.

:51 – SOT/VO

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

6/29/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON MEETING

The County Commissioners Association is calling for more money and a change in the rules, when it comes to prisons. A recent study shows jails across the state exceed their capacity to house prisoners.

:55 – SOT/VO

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

6/29/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

SCOTUS PORN

The U.S. Supreme Court today refused to lift a block on a law designed to protect kids from internet porn. It was a partial victory for on-line pornographers and free-speech activists. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

1:06 – Package

Pat Trueman – Family Research Council

Elliot Minceberg – PPL For The American Way

NBC: CRIME ISSUES . . . JUNE

Nightly News

Tuesday, 6/15

Robert Hager reports on a disturbing new trend where criminals are gaining access to private banking information online.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 6/23

Pete Williams looks at the skyrocketing prison population and the difficulties inmates face in rehabilitation.

Nightly News

Tuesday, 6/29

How can you protect your children from Internet porn? Nightly News reports on today's Supreme Court ruling that keeps the ban on the law to rid the Internet of porn.

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4/2/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

GETTING INTO COLLEGE

Students that are applying to America's more selective schools are growing in number. But the spots available for them remain stagnant. It's a problem that's worrying many parents. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:09 – Package

Rachel Ferst – Age 17

Daniel Walls – Dean, Emory University

4/9/04, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

COST TO TAXPAYERS

The School Board of the Somerset School District and the Daily American Newspaper are examining the retro-pay that teachers would get for the 4 years they worked without a contract. There is a chance it will trigger a rise in taxes.

:52 – VO

4/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Katie Collett

SOMERSET TEACHER DISPUTE

Four years of contract negotiations will come to a head tonight as final offers are put on the table for a teachers' contract in Somerset. Katie Collett reports on what each side may offer.

:45 – Live

4/12/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

TEACHER CONTRACT

The offer is on the table in the Somerset School District. No it is up to the teachers to sign or not. What will it mean for Somerset taxpayers? Katie Collett reports.

1:09 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

4/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

CENTRE COUNTY GROWTH

Most of Central Pennsylvania has been experiencing a population decline, but Centre County, where there is actual growth. Why? The research money associated with Penn State University is helping to keep the community growing. Regina Miller reports.

1:07 – Package

Steve Suder – Centre regional Planning

4/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

TEACHER RESIGNS

The State Attorney general's Office has formally charged Johnstown High School teacher Dan Shipman with falsifying his teaching credentials to get a job. He has resigned and Mark Allen reports on what is ahead for him.

1:17 – Package

Robert Gleason – Shipman's Attorney

4/14/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

MENTAL EXERCISE

Many schools across the country have after-school chess clubs. But now, a few are actually using class time to teach the game because it provides great stimulation for the brain. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:45 – Package

Ted Wieber – Age 17

David Woolf – Emory Chess Association

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4/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Pam Kane

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The Federal No-Child-Left Behind program sets criteria in basic studies that each student must achieve. How do you measure the achievement? That is why a meeting is being held in Altoona tonight so parents can get an explanation. Pam Kane reports.

1:06 – Package

Bonnalyn Colvert – Student teacher

4/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN

Given the current rate of college tuition inflation, your children or grandchildren will never be able to afford college unless you start saving immediately. The 529 College Savings Plan offers a great way to do that.

:45 – SOT/VO

Alan Kahn – AJK Financial Group

4/20/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

JOHNSTOWN THREATS

School was held today at Johnstown High School despite threats and rumors of Columbine-like violence. How did the school system respond? What pre-cautions were taken? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:01 – Package

Robert Harris – Parent

4/20/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

Children with special needs are entitled to a quality education that is appropriate to their ability level. One are program helps children with multiple disabilities set and achieve their goals in the classroom. How? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:52 – Package

Barbara Ramirez – IU8 Teacher

Dr. Joe DiBartola – Superintendent

4/22/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

SOMERSET ARBITRATION

It has been four long years of contract negotiations for the Somerset School District, and today both sides met for non-binding arbitration. The arbitrator will come up with a proposal incorporating items from both sides. The teachers and board will have 10 days to accept or reject the proposal. Katie Collett reports.

1:21 – Live

4/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

SOMERSET REACTION

The contract negotiations have been going on so long in the Somerset School District, it's become like a way of life. Katie spoke to residents to get their opinion but none would go on camera. However, the school board president thinks most residents are behind the board.

:57 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

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4/22/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

RETROACTIVE PAY

The teachers' union in the Somerset School District dispute has decided not to let teachers look over the board proposal for retroactive pay for the past four years. If teachers don't agree to a deal by the end of the school year, they will lose that pay.

:29 - VO

4/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

NED & GENERAL

Kids struggle to understand why parents in the military must leave for service overseas. A new book is being used in the Johnstown School District to help explain the realities of war to children. It's called "Ned & The General."

1:35 - Package

Dr. Ron Madison - Author

4/22/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

Are virtual schools the classrooms of the future? If so, how would they look, and how would they work?

:29 - VO

4/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SOFT DRINK OBESITY

A new study shows that taking soda out of schools may cut down on the number of obese kids. An English study involving a one-year Ditch-The Fizz campaign led to a reduction in obesity in Elementary school students.

:33 - VO

4/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Pam Kane

PORN CONSEQUENCES

Two kids from the Southside Elementary School in Huntingdon twice accessed a porn site while surfing the web at school last week. The incident has parents and teachers concerned about how to prevent it from happening again. Pam Kane reports.

:56 - Package

Hervey Hann - Huntingdon Superintendent

4/27/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

LEARNING CENTER

Five school districts in Blair County have joined together to try to obtain a state grant for an academically-focused after-school program that will help students in need of extra attention.

:52 - SOT/VO

Becky Mingle - Human Services Department

4/29/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BULLY SEMINAR

Many times when kids are bullied, they don't tell their parents and then retaliate in ways that are not positive. A seminar in the Altoona School District had a message of how to deal with bullies.

:56 - SOT/VO

Mr. Beane - Conducted Seminar

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4/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

MUSIC IN SCHOOL

A national recording artist was in Cambria County today promoting music in schools. Angel Faith was in Patton with the message that music is a very important part of the curriculum. Pam Kane reports.

1:00 – Package

Angel Faith – Pop Artist

Dr. Susan Wheatley – IUP Music Department

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5/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

EXPULSION FIGHT

The parents of a Ferndale High School senior who was expelled for bringing a Swiss army knife to school took the case to court today in an effort to allow their daughter to attend prom and graduation. Sophia Wharton reports on the decision and the "no-tolerance" policy.

1:20 – Package

5/4/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PSSA AWARD

The Huntingdon School District has been given an award from the state in recognition of their curriculum approach to the PSSA test. Elementary schools in the district have been teaching a new writing curriculum that starts in kindergarten.

:50 -SOT/VO

Jeff Coppes – Huntingdon Elementary Director

5/10/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

TEACHER SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

When parents send their teenagers to school, they expect the adults there to look after the children. But a new study suggests that teachers, coaches, and other school staff members sometimes subject students to a form of sexual abuse.. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:42 – Package

Julie Vaseff – Age 16

Ruby Franklin – Age 14

Tara Peebles – Sexual assault specialist

5/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HIGH SCHOOL DRUG SWEEP

Drug sweeps are part of the the changing face of education. Students in State College were kept in their classrooms while officials conducted a locker sweep with drug-sniffing dogs. It was a first for this district, but definitely not the last.

:25 – VO

5/12/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL BUILDING

Tonight, members of the Richland School Board voted to build a new high school because the Middle School building with the cracked roof is no longer usable.

1:01 – SOT/VO

Rex McQuaide – School Board President

5/13/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

TECH CENTER PROBLEMS

Major cuts at the Johnstown Vo-Tech leaves staff without jobs and students wondering where they'll go next. Katie Collett reports.

1:21 – Package

Noreen Remick – Student

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5/13/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DRUG USE SURVEY

Officials in the Phillipsburg Ocoola School District are trying to decide if they should do random drug testing on junior high and high school students. A school survey indicates that alcohol and marijuana are widely used by students.

:48 – SOT/VO

Charles Young – Principal

5/13/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

JUNIOR HIGH FUTURE

There may be a new middle school in the future for Altoona students. It may cost just as much to build a new school as repair the two school buildings in the district.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dennis Murray – Altoona Superintendent

5/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

HEAD START

What is going on at the Cambria County Head Start? The federally funded daycare for underprivileged kids has had a number of problems over the past 6 months, and now the director has been suspended. Sophia Wharton reports.

:40 – Live

5/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

TECH SCHOOL PROTEST

Students left their classes today at the Johnstown Vo-Tech school to protest the close of three programs and the firing of seven staff members at the Greater Johnstown Vo-Tech. Katie Collett has more on what this means for students.

:58 – Noreen Remick – Student

5/14/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

VO-TECH FUTURE

Not all Vo-Tech schools are having problems. But even those that are thriving still have concerns over money.

:30 – SOT/VO

Dr. Lanny Ross – Altoona Vo-Tech

5/14/04, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DICKINSON SPLIT

Will a law school soon be moving to Penn State's campus? The directors of the Dickinson School of Law are still considering the pros and cons of such a move.

:52 – SOT/VO

Graham Spanier – Penn State president

5/17/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

LIGONIER LAYOFF

Student aides in the Ligonier School District may soon be saying goodbye to their students and jobs. The school board is looking for places to make cuts, and student aides are one possibility. Katie Collett reports.

:57 – Package

Chris McAllister – Laurel Valley graduate

Debbie Catanese – Title One Aide

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5/20/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET ARBITRATION

The award of both the teachers and school board from an arbitrator in the Somerset School District will be announced tomorrow.

:29 - VO

5/21/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

HIGH SCHOOLERS / COLLEGE COURSES

This summer, tens of thousands of high school sophomores and juniors will take classes on college campuses. Will they gain an advantage over their classmates when they apply to college?

Lisa Stofko reports.

1:43 - Package

Romy Maloon - Age 17

Adam Lips - Assistant Dean of Admission

5/21/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET SCHOOLS

Today, Somerset teachers heard what an arbitrator had to say about the contract situation that has kept them without a contract for 4 years. The arbitrator has chosen to support the side of the teachers in this dispute.

1:55 - SOT/VO

John Coleman - Somerset School Board

5/24/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

SOMERSET ARBITRATION

The four year battle over the teachers' contract in the Somerset School District could be over tonight. The school board will hold a special meeting tonight to decide whether or not to accept the arbiters report. But at this time, it does not look likely that the argument will be settled, with health care co-pay being an issue attracting attention statewide. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:23 - Package

Dr. Lonnie Luna - PSEA

5/24/04, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ACT 80

How long can a teacher contract dispute continue? The answer is indefinitely, because there is no binding arbitration in Pennsylvania.

:49 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - (R) 30th District

5/24/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

SOMERSET BOARD

After four years of negotiations, the Somerset School Board had the chance to end it tonight, but they unanimously voted to reject the arbitor's findings. Katie Collett reports that tonight's meeting was fraught with emotion and frustration.

1:00 - Package

5/25/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

BULLYING

Is your child the target of bullies? Would you know if he or she were? Katie Collett investigates bullying in schools throughout the area and what parents can do to help in the situation.

2:18 - Package

Rick Wisor - Bullying victim

Jack Wisor - Father

Amber Mallow - Ninth grade

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5/25/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET SCHOOL VOTE

In a unanimous decision, the Somerset School Board members rejected an arbitrators report, sending the two sides back to the bargaining table. Teachers continue to insist on higher salaries and free health care while the district insists they protect the community tax base.

:40 – SOT/VO

John Coleman – Somerset School Board

5/25/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

GOING TO OTHER SCHOOLS

How are parents dealing with the ongoing teachers' dispute in Somerset? Sophia Wharton reports that some are sending their children to schools in other districts or private schools.

:57 – Package

Ester Neyand – Landis - Somerset

Beth Hollis – Somerset mom

5/25/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

SOMERSET REAL ESTATE

How is the labor dispute in the Somerset School District affecting the economics of the community? Sophia Wharton reports that the real estate market has taken a hit there.

:55 – Package

Christopher Zanon – Somerset Teacher

Ken Halverson – Realtor

Cindy Ross – Selling Somerset home

NBC: EDUCATIONAL ISSUES . . . MAY

Today Show

Monday, 5/17

Ann Curry returns to her kindergarten in Honolulu, Hawaii. Curry will take on the issue of diversity and discrimination with current students of the school.

Today Show

Tuesday, 5/18

Al Roker visits his elementary school in Queens, New York. Roker will look at literacy - how big of a problem is it these days? Does technology like instant messaging and email help or hinder a child's reading level?

Today Show

Wednesday, 5/19

Katie Couric returns to her high school in Arlington, Virginia to examine how teens deal with pressure and competition. Is there more pressure on students today to get into the top colleges? Are students getting an overwhelming amount of homework - more than they did in the past? Is competition amongst teens harmful or helpful?

Today Show

Thursday, 5/20

Matt Lauer goes back to his middle school in Hartsdale, New York to host a panel discussion with current students of the school, and their parents, about the issues they deal with from day to day.

EDUCATIONAL MAY

Dr. Phil **5/28/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Today's college graduates are suppose to be the best educated ever. So why can't many of them even balance a checkbook? Dr. Phil looks at the problem of college graduates who have no skill or experience at managing their finances.

Show #: 2004 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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6/1/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Roseanne Colletti

NEW SAT

Students from the class of 2006 face an SAT dilemma. They must either take the new test with a 25 minute essay next spring, or they must take the current test this Fall, minus the essay. Roseanne Colletti reports on why students and parents need to do their homework.

1:48 – Package

Hanaiya Gholson – Sophomore

Frank Chinga – Sophomore

Brian O'Reilly – The College Board

Mike Wojcik – Hackensack High School

6/2/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

SUING STUDENTS

There is an alarming new trend of teachers taking their students to court over discipline problems. Lisa Stofko reports on how and why things have progressed to this level in classrooms.

1:49 – Package

Judy Greenberg – Family Therapist

6/2/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

COLLEGE LOANS

The number of those borrowing money to pay for higher education rose to 45 per cent in 2000. Tuition and student living expenses are to blame.

:28 – VO

6/3/04, 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

SOMERSET TEACHERS

Will the Somerset teachers hit the picket lines before classes are over for this year? The teacher's union president says no. Katie Collett reports.

:50 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

John Critchfield – Somerset teachers

6/3/04, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

RETRO PAY

Fulltime teachers at Somerset are not the only ones affected by the teacher's contract dispute. Three long-term substitutes could receive back pay for the last school year as well.

:41 – SOT/VO

John Critchfield – Somerset Teachers Union

6/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

MOCK CRISIS DRILL

Teachers in Clearfield County learned what it would be like to have their students' lives in their hands during a crisis. Even though the drill they held was pretend, many instructors found it to be very scary, and a great training experience. Katie Collett reports.

1:01 – Package

Lois Richards – Executive Director

Joseph Peters – Electronic Instructor

Darlene Smolko – Cosmetology Instructor

Jim Richtscheit – Enforcement Officer

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6/3/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

FOOD FAIR

Westmont Hilltop High School held a food fair today in an attempt to influence their students to seek healthier lunches and snacks.

:45 – SOT/VO

William Marshall – Principal

6/3/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SSHE FUNDING

Governor Ed Rendell is proposing an increase in funding for State Universities in an effort to make higher education more affordable in Pennsylvania.

:46 – SOT/VO

Rep. Dave Reed – (R) 62nd District

6/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Pam Kane

OLD SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Now that a study has been completed, the Altoona School Board will talk tonight about a new Junior High project and what to do with the other two Junior High buildings. Parents and students aren't thrilled with the idea of consolidating the buildings. Pam Kane reports.

:49 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

Cindy Conrad – Concerned parent

6/7/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

CHEATING

Several recent surveys have been published that seem to show cheating among high school students is at epidemic proportions. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:42 – Package

Scott Dimon – Assistant Headmaster

6/7/04, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

FEASIBILITY STUDY

School Board officials in Altoona are talking about whether to repair the two old Junior High buildings or merge the student bodies into a new building. Either choice will be costly. Katie Collett reports on tonight's meeting.

:57 – Package

George Cardone – Altoona Area School District

6/8/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SINGLE GENDER CLASS

Officials at Reynolds Middle School say they will continue to offer single gender classes next year because the classes do help some students improve their grades and behavior.

:22 – VO

6/9/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

DEGREE OF EARNING

Experts say a college degree can make a huge difference in a person's earning power. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:36 – Package

Michael Gerber – Higher Education Consortium

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6/11/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DICKINSON LAW

It is expected to be a close vote this weekend when the Board of Governors of the Dickinson Law School vote on whether to move the school to State College.

:36 – SOT/VO

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

6/14/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET IN SCHOOL

While most area school districts have dismissed for the Summer, the Somerset School District is still holding classes, due to a teachers' strike that occurred back in the Fall. No it is creating problems for students looking for summer jobs and parents with vacation plans.

:47 – SOT/VO

Donald Ream – Parent

6/14/04, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DUAL LAW SCHOOLS

It looks like there will be two campuses for the Penn State Law School. The university board voted Saturday on possibly having a law school with campuses both in Carlisle and State College.

:45 – SOT/VO

6/18/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

REJECTION LETTERS

High school graduates dread the college rejection letter, ending the hopes of attending that school. But at many universities, the initial "no" may not be their final answer. Lisa Stofko reports on how to get a second consideration.

1:47 – Package

Jason Dee – High school graduate

Ann Wilson – College counselor

6/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

STUDENT LOANS

Although it is a tough year for college grads to find jobs, interest rates are low. That could mean big savings on student loans. Experts say now is the time to consolidate those loans.

:52 – SOT/VO

Mark Kantrowitz – Founder, Finaid.org

6/21/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

WAITING LIST

One dean of college admissions calls it a "summer frenzy." Thousands of high school graduates are waiting for word if they can still get into the college of their choice. What do you do to improve your chances if you're on a waiting list? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:50 – Package

Hannah Ward – Age 18

Stephanie Balmer – Dean of Admissions

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6/22/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SUPER HAS A PLAN

The superintendent of the Somerset Area School District has submitted a contract proposal to both the school board and the teacher's union in the 4 year dispute there. The board says it is fair but the union reps feel the higher prescription costs and deductible make it unacceptable.

:46 – SOT/VO

John Coleman – School Board President

6/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

JUNIOR HIGH FORUM

An issue plaguing the Altoona School Board is what to do with their two Junior High buildings that are not up to state codes. Should both buildings be renovated or a new building be built? Now, there's another option on the table: could Logan Elementary school serve as a Junior High? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:02 – Package

Margaret Hendricks – School Board Member

6/23/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

ALTOONA JUNIOR HIGHS

The Altoona School Board continues to wrestle with the question about what to do with their Junior High buildings, renovate them or build a new one. Tonight they learned from another group of residents that there may be yet another option. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:30 – Package

6/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

ANIMAL SHELTER

In college towns, when students head for home, they often leave a pet behind. The Animal Shelter in State College is overrun with many more animals than they have room for. Their resources are strained as they try to find homes for the unwanted pets. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Dale Summit – Centre County

Dr. Fred Metzger – Veterinarian

6/24/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

SCHOOL MEETING PREVIEW

Tonight, a second public meeting will be held to gather opinions and input on the problems with the Junior High buildings in Altoona. Poor attendance at the first meeting has the school board members a little concerned that the community might not care what happens. Pam Kane reports.

:35 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

6/24/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

MEETING RESULTS IN ALTOONA

Citizens at tonight's meeting about the fate of Altoona's Junior Highs told officials they did not want a new school. Pam Kane reports.

1:00 – Package

6/25/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Pam Kane

ALTOONA JUNIOR HIGH

Clearly, residents who live around Keith Junior High in Altoona do not want a new school building. But others are asking what will happen to the various athletic teams and bands if the district does go with a new building. There appears to be some confusion, as board members are calling for two football teams, bands, etc. Pam Kane reports.

:45 – Package

Larry Gardner – Altoona Planning Commission

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6/25/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CONTRACT DEADLINE

The Somerset Teachers' Union declined a new deal that was proposed by the school's superintendent. Today was the deadline the board has set for teachers to settle if they wanted back pay.

:25 - VO

6/25/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

EDUCATION FUNDS / SLOTS

Those in favor of slots say it will lower property taxes and make public school funding more even across the state. But school officials say it will make it harder for them to raise taxes for funding. Sophia Wharton reports on their skepticism that the plan will work.

1:06 - Package

Rick Geist - (R) 79th District

Dr. Patrick Crawford - Superintendent Bedford School District

Joni Henry - Homeowner

6/28/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

SOMERSET CONTRACT

At a meeting tonight of the Somerset School Board, teachers will find out if they are losing retroactive pay for a four-year long labor dispute. The board will pass a budget tonight and may delete the pay, thus holding the line on taxes but putting negotiations back to square one. Ryan Leckey reports.

:40 - Package

6/28/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

NO COMPROMISE

The school board in Somerset passed the budget tonight with no retroactive teacher's pay. The board is blaming the teachers' negotiating team for not reaching a compromise with their recent offer. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:37 - Package

John Coleman - School Board President

6/29/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

VOTECH MEETING

After enrollment was down the last school year, the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center cut their staff. But at tonight's meeting, they decided the cuts are complete.

:43 - SOT/VO

Robert Beyer - Votech Committee

6/30/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

BULLY LAWSUITS

A recent Harris Poll found that almost two-thirds of school principals across the country have been threatened with a lawsuit by parents. A growing number of those suits are from parents whose children are the victims of bullies. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:56 - Package

Kathleen Theriol - Mother

Merchuria Williams- National Education Association

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TODAY

Wednesday, 6/16

Today explains the new changes being made to the SAT exam. High school students and parents need to make careful considerations before deciding when to take the test.

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4/1/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

GASTRIC BYPASS

Gastric bypass surgery has become a popular alternative for people who want to lose weight. But does it work, and can you regain the weight? Sara Burget reports.

2:05 – Package

Susan Manchester – Dietician

Dr. Dean Roye – Surgeon

4/1/04, 5 PM, Thursday Holly Firfer

INSOMNIA

The National Institute of Health says insomnia affects more than 70 million Americans. Health problems associated with the lack of sleep are costing the U.S. 14 billion dollars every year. Holly Firfer reports on how to beat the sleep blues.

1:20 – Package

4/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOSPITAL LABOR TALKS

Changes in management and a new round of negotiations is easing the labor tensions at the Philipsburg Hospital.

:40 – SOT/VO

Barry Pearce – AFL-CIO

4/2/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

ANTIDEPRESSANT USE / GROWING AMONG KIDS

A new study finds that pre-schoolers are among the fastest-growing group of antidepressant users in the country.

:38 – VO

4/2/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

G-VAX

There is big news for patients with lung cancer. A new vaccine called G-vax is wiping out or at the very least slowing the spread of lung cancer. Sara Burget reports.

:53 – Package

4/6/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

COMPUTER VISION

Glasses can help you see distances and also help you read. But working on a computer is completely different. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Hank Bullock – Attorney

Stephen Rozenberg – Optician

Angelica Rolon – College student

4/8/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

COLON CANCER

Colon cancer is the second leading cancer killer in this country. One of the best defenses against it is early detection. Sara Burget has more on research into better test messages.

1:36 – Package

Susan Tourtillotte – Lost dad to colon cancer

Dr. Daniel Rosenberg - Gastroenterologist

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4/9/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

GYROTONICS

Researchers say that 8 out of 10 people will wake up one day with lower back pain. But a new exercise therapy that combines elements of tai chi, gymnastics, and yoga is offering some relief. Sara Burget reports.

1:08 – Package

Jack Zogg – Back pain sufferer

Deborah Lueke – Gyrotonic instructor

Dr. John Triano – Chiropractic medicine

4/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

VA HOSPITAL CLEANLINESS

A primetime news program that focused on veteran's hospitals that are unsanitary and provided poor care has the Altoona Veteran's Hospital opening its doors for scrutiny. Pam Kane reports.

1:03 – Package

Donald Foor – Veteran

Ronald Barnes – Veteran

4/12/04, 5: PM, Monday Sara Burget

KNEE REPLACEMENTS

While knee replacements are very common these days, the technology used in the procedure continues to advance. Sara Burget reports.

1:21 – Package

Jerry Ward – Patient

Dr. Clifford Colwell – Orthopedic Surgeon

4/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE CAPS

Doctors leaving the state or not even practicing here because of the high cost of malpractice insurance is a growing concern. State legislators are now trying to place caps on how much a person can receive if they sue a doctor for malpractice.

:46 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

4/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

PHILIPSBURG HOSPITAL

The Philipsburg Hospital changes in management have caused quite a controversy, and with health care costs rising, it is tougher for hospitals to remain open when they are on their own. That is the challenge for Philipsburg Hospital as they try to regain financial footing. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Karen Blair – Hospital Administrator

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

Barry Pearce – AFL-CIO

4/14/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

MEMORY LOSS

New research is being done to help prevent memory loss. It involves a drug used only for treatment for Alzheimer's patients. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Forchett – Memory Researcher

Mary Jarvis – Memory patients

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4/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

PAIN

Everybody has little aches and pains; most of them come and go quickly. But every once in a while, a pain lingers. How do you know when you should go to the doctors? Sara Burget reports.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Harrison Weed – Ohio State University

4/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

EASING BACK PAIN

There is a new form of surgery that could help ease backpain and improve recovery afterwards. It involves the use of a rubberband spacer that keeps vertebrae aligned.

:41 – SOT/VO

Dan Bradley, MD – Spine surgeon

4/16/04, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

BIBLE DIET

A new diet book has hit the best seller's list, and it's no coincidence that it was released during Passover and Holy Week. Sara Burget reports.

1:34 – Package

Jordan Rubin – The Maker's Diet

4/19/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

LOVE LIFE AND HEALTH

Researchers are finding that positive interactions between mates lowers the blood level of cortisol, a stress hormone. Less cortisol increases the body's healing ability.

:46 – SOT/VO

Janice Kiecolt – Clinical psychologist

4/21/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

ORGAN DONATION

About 84 thousand people across the nation are waiting for organs that could save their lives. But many will die before getting those organs. Sophia Wharton reports on becoming an organ donor.

:58 – Package

Jeanne Mesco – Waiting for kidney

4/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS / LEGAL IMPORTS

New legislation introduced today in the Senate could legalize lower-priced imported drugs from Canada and other countries.

:56 – SOT/VO

Sen. Byron Dorgan – (D) North Dakota

4/21/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

PSORIASIS STUDY

New research released shows that many psoriasis patients give up and stop seeking treatment despite the new treatments available. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on why patients should have more hope.

1:28 – Package

Phyllis Holvik – Psoriasis patient

Lance Brown, MD – Dermatologist

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4/21/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

LASIK & HUMIDITY

New research shows that lasik surgery performed in hot and humid months requires more corrective procedures.

:35 – VO

4/22/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

HOSPITAL MERGER

The Central PA Health Services Corporation and its membership board have okayed the merger of Altoona and Bons Secours Hospitals.

:50 – SOT/VO

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

4/22/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

ASTHMA & TYLENOL

A new study suggests there may be a link between the use of popular pain medication and asthma. The research may explain the rise in asthma cases over the past 3 decades. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:31 – Package

Angela Reade – Exerciser

Jana Klauer – Weight Loss Expert

4/22/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ADVOCACY GROUP

The Coalition of Parents for Challenged Individuals Rights are looking for money to help meet their patient's daily needs. Many say they can't maintain a full-time job because of all they do for the person being cared for.

:49 – SOT/VO

D.A. Michael – Parent

4/23/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Ryan Leckey

TELENURSING

With the nursing shortage, many people think they can't get the care they need when recovering from an illness unless they're staying at a hospital. But new technology, called telenursing is making it possible for nurses to care for many more patients miles away. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:24 – Package

Dr. Janet Grady – Project investigator

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Regina Miller

RURAL HOSPITALS

Many rural hospitals face financial difficulties and Philipsburg Hospital is no different. But they have found a program and have developed an innovative treatment there that is like no other place. It's a medical breakthrough for sleep apnea. Regina Miller reports.

:56 – Package

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

4/27/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

MIGRAINES

Are migraines more than just pain? New research shows that some migraine patients could be at an increased risk for stroke. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:22 – Package

Karen Reiter – Migraine patient

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4/28/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

VETS & A-L-S

Are veterans at a higher risk for developing Lou Gherig's Disease? A new study says yes. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:34 - Package

Tom Donnelly - Michael's father

4/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

HOSPITAL WOES

A new report shows that nearly forty per cent of all hospitals in Pennsylvania lost money last year. Hospitals in our area has losses of between three and eight percent. Why. Some think it is largely about Medicare. Natasha McBroom reports.

:54 - Package

Dave Cuzzolina - Bon Secours Hospital

4/30/04, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

KIDS' DIETS

A new study on children's diets shows that kids ate less often for shorter periods of time in 1993 than in 1973, but with the same calorie intake. But obesity is a growing problem for kids. They don't understand why.

:34 - VO

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Nightly News

Thursday, 4/1

The weight loss procedure, gastric bypass surgery, is becoming increasingly popular, but there are dangerous risks. Robert Bazell reports on what every patient should know.

Today Show

Thursday, 4/1

Awareness of the threat of colon cancer can save lives spot featuring stories of people who wrote to Katie Couric thanking her for being courageous and inspiring them to go get tested- in many cases, saving their lives. Katie's activism and TODAY's series made them aware of this disease and how easy it was to prevent if caught early enough. The spot will be an "in their own words" where people will read their letters and tell their stories.

Today Show

Friday, 4/2

Al Roker gets a colonoscopy on air. Katie Couric will be with him as he prepares the night before and then with him for the exam. Viewers are told how they can get the exam.

Nightly News

Monday, 4/19

Why is the number of new cases of autism skyrocketing, and are services easily available to help families struggling to help their children?

Nightly News

Wednesday, 4/21

The high cost of malpractice insurance is sending many doctors packing. What do you do if your favorite physician plans to cross state lines?

HEALTH APRIL

Dr. Phil **4/19/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Many addictions are life threatening, and a food addiction is no exception. How do you help overeaters to stop years of food dependency? Dr. Phil demonstrates Weight Interventions.

Show #: 2133

Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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5/3/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

EAR TUBES

When does a child need ear tubes? Three different medical organizations have created important new guidelines to help parents and doctors in the treatment of middle-ear fluid. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:26 – Package

Jennifer Lee – Jessica's mom

Richard Rosenfeld – L.I. College Hospital

5/3/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

VA HOSPITAL DECISION

The Bush administration is thinking about cutting the acute beds at the Van Zant facility. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs gave a tentative deadline today for a decision. But no decision came. Area vets think that doesn't bode well for the situation.

:54 – SOT/VO

Joe Columbus – Cambria County Veteran's Affairs

Edward Zettle - Veteran

5/4/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

REASON TO HOPE

Dr. David Bartlett, head of UPMC's School of Medicine, spoke to cancer patients and their families about new and promising treatments for pancreatic and liver cancers.

:50 – SOT/VO

Dr. David Bartlett – Oncology specialist

5/4/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

STRESS DEPRESSION

A new study has found a relationship between a childhood with anxiety and depression among adults.

:30 – VO

5/4/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Christy Feig

KIDS BLOOD PRESSURE

Sixteen percent of America's children are overweight, according to studies by two leading health groups. Now new studies show that overweight children may face some health risks decades earlier than they normally would. Christy Feig reports.

1:24 – Package

Yun Lee – Overweight teen

Dr. Paul Muntner – Tulane University

Dr. Glenn Bock – Nova Fairfax Hospital

5/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

ACES DAY

With childhood obesity reaching epidemic proportions in America, some schools in Bedford County are implementing a new program to try and help. It gets kids out of the classroom and into the fresh air to exercise together, Pam Kane reports.

1:17 – Package

Melanie Bowser – Physical Education Director

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5/6/04 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

NO SAFE SUN

While many people believe there is something called a safe tan, dermatologists are warning that even what looks like a healthy tan is dangerous. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:23 – Package

Boni Elewski, MD – American Academy of Dermatology

Darrell Rigel, MD – Dermatologist

5/6/04 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

VA HOSPITAL DECISION

Finally, after waiting for months to hear, vets across the region found out if the Veteran's Administration will cut acute care beds at the Hollidaysburg facility. The answer was no; the beds will stay. Natasha McBroom reports.

:45 – Package

5/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

VA DECISION

Everyone is happy that the V.A. Hospital in Altoona will be keeping its acute care beds open. Congressman Bill Shuster is stressing how important healthcare for veterans living in rural areas across the country truly is. Natasha McBroom reports.

:55 – Package

Victor Raia – Veteran

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

5/7/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Alison Burns

CARES REPORT

Local veterans are thrilled about the news that the Van Zandt Medical Center will stay open for in-patient care. But the decision goes against the recommendation of the commission studying the V.A.'s future. Alison Burns reports.

1:00 – Package

5/10/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

SHINGLES

Shingles is a very common rash that also causes pain. Researchers have now confirmed a set of indicators that can identify which patients are at an increased risk of developing persistent pain after the rash heals. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:34 – Package

Ronald Brancaccio – Dermatologist

5/11/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

VIAGRA

Many doctors are calling it a landmark study. New evidence shows that the daily use of Viagra could reverse the problem of impotence in men. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:28 – Package

Bob Rozman – Patient

IFrank Sommer, MD – Study author

Nathan Barchama, MD – Mt. Sinai Medical Center

5/11/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MASS CASUALTY TRAILER

A first responders prepare for terrorism attacks, Bedford County's Emergency Services acquired a 50 patient mass casualty trailer. While some say a terrorist attack in Bedford County seems unlikely, the trailer can be used for other emergencies.

:48 – SOT/VO

Dan Datesman – Director of Emergency Services

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5/12/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

SHAMPOO STUPID

Researchers have uncovered evidence that suggests an ingredient found in some soaps and shampoos might affect memory. Helen Chickering reports.

1:49 – Package

Steve Zesel, MD – School of Public Health

5/12/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

UNINSURED CLINIC

Millions of Pennsylvanians don't have health insurance, but one Johnstown organization says that doesn't mean you can't get care. The uninsured can go to the Johnstown Free Medical Clinic at the Good Samaritan Medical Center. Katie Collett reports.

:55 – Package

Zack Lishka – Patient

5/12/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

KIDS WITHOUT COVERAGE

Many local working families still can't afford health insurance for their children. Doctors say that can hurt your child in the long run. But the CHIPS program can fill the gap. Katie Collett reports on the requirements and what it provides.

1:02 – Package

Dr. Max Masiello – Memorial Medical Center

5/12/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

VIRTUAL REALITY THERAPY

Many people suffer from serious anxiety disorders. There is a new way to treat these disorders called virtual reality therapy that actually simulates the fearful situations. Lisa Stofko reports.

Kathleen Berman – Has fear of flying

Kimberly Berman – Kathleen's Mom

Elana Zimnad, Ph.D – Psychologist

5/13/04, 5 PM, Thursday Christy Feig

DIABETES TREATMENT

The diagnosis of diabetes for 17 million Americans means fingersticks to check blood sugar levels as well as insulin shots. But some new products could change the way the disease is managed. Christy Feig reports.

1:23 – Package

David Harrison – Diabetic

Dr. Michelle Magee – Washington Hospital Center

Stephen Sweneiman – Pre-diabetes

5/14/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

PROSTATE CANCER

Because men are living longer and healthier, prostate cancer is more common. Now men would like a treatment that will kill the cancer but help them enjoy a higher quality of life. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on radioactive seeds.

1:24 – Package

Nelson Stone – Urologist

Donald Pemberton – Prostate cancer patient

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5/17/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

LOW CARB DIETS

Are the popular low carb diets beneficial or harmful? Two important new studies show there is some good that can come from being on a low carb diet. Dr. Mike Rosen sums up the research.

1:31 – Package

Linda Stern, MD – Study author

Byron Childress – 61 years old

Carla Wolfer, R.D. – St. Luke's Hospital

5/18/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

TRANS FAT

The Center for Science in the Public Interest is asking the government to ban a type of fat from our diet that causes the majority of health problems. Helen Chickering reports.

1:22 – Package

Michael Jacobson – Public advocate

Cindy Moore – Nutritionist

5/18/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DIABETES ALZHEIMERS

A new study is adding evidence that having diabetes increases the risk of Alzheimer's Disease.

:26 – VO

5/18/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE

More than 33,000 doctors in Pennsylvania who want help paying for medical malpractice insurance have applied for aid from the State subsidy funded by higher cigarette taxes. It is not known if that fund will be able to cover the total amount applied for. Doctors say that high insurance premiums are forcing them to either leave the state or drop high-risk procedures.

:27 – VO

5/19/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

CHILD FITNESS

Getting fit and healthy can seem like an insurmountable task for an overweight child. But as Lisa Stofko reports, new research shows just a little bit of effort can make a huge difference.

1:48 – Package

Katie Meyer – Age 14

Beth Passehl – Child Health Coordinator

5/19/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

DEFIBRILLATORS

Implantable defibrillators can shock an out-of-control heart back into normal rhythm.

A growing body of research shows they are prolonging the lives of people with heart disease. But who can get one? Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:26 – Package

Anne Kilkelly – Heart failure patient

Joseph Levine, MD – St. Francis Hospital

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5/19/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

VA HOSPITAL

The Secretary of Veteran's Affairs says that roughly one million dollars is wasted every day on maintaining veteran's facilities that aren't being used. How is the money distributed, and are there facilities wasting money in our area?

:40 - SOT/VO

Charles Becker - Altoona V.A. Hospital

5/20/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Robert Hager

CO PAY

Many American workers who have to pay more out of pocket for prescription drugs seem to be putting their health at risk. They actually cut back on the medication they take. Robert Hager reports.

:50 - Package

5/20/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

KIDS & HYPERTENSION

High blood pressure is generally associated with adults. But the problem is actually common in kids. New guidelines say screening should start as early as three years of age. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:30 - Package

Kristina Stanton - Age 16

Bonita Falkner, MD - Pediatrician

Sean Levchuck, MD - St. Francis Hospital

5/21/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

ELDERLY HYPERTENSION

A new study shows that the population at highest risk from high blood pressure is the least likely to be appropriately treated. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:12 - Package

Arthur Ginsburgh - Had high blood pressure

Dmarc Siegle, MD - NYU Medical Center

5/24/04, 5 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

BULGE BATTLE

Scientists are testing some new medication to help in the battle of the bulge. A drug used to fight wrinkles and a pill that curbs both the appetite for food and the urge to smoke are among those promising good results. Helen Chickering reports.

1:39 - Package

Steven Nissen - Cardiologist

5/24/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

TOWN MEETING

Veterans of Centre County met with representatives from Congress to make sure they are doing their part to take care of veterans since veterans did their part in serving their country. Their major concern tonight was health care. Ryan Leckey reports.

1:03 - Package

Rep. John Peterson - (R) 5th District

Robert Johnson - Veteran

Herbert Wong - Veteran

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5/25/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

ASPIRIN CANCER

Aspirin has been shown to protect against colon cancer. But now new research shows it can be protection against breast cancer. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Julia Smith – NYU Cancer Center

Valerie Peterson – Aspirin user

5/25/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SLEEP DISORDERS

Half of American adults report that sleepiness at work has affected job performance. Just as many have driven while drowsy. Senator John Wozniak hosted PA Sleep Disorder Awareness Day to encourage people to get help for sleep disorders.

:43 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

5/25/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

OVERTIME BAN

State lawmakers are considering banning mandatory overtime for health care workers because fatigue leads to mistakes that can put patients' lives in danger.

:30 – VO

5/25/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

STRESS WORKSHOP

Tonight, medical professionals learned how to cope with the stresses of their jobs as part of continuing education classes.

:50 – SOT/VO

Gwen Thompson – Windber Medical Center

5/25/04, 5 / 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

LEE HOSPITAL SPLIT

Lee Regional Health System is exploring ways to regain control of Lee Hospital from UPMC. The chairman of the board says they would like to regain full local control of the hospital. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

John Augustine – Lee Regional Health System

5/25/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

LEE HOSPITAL

After today's announcement of a possible separation between Lee Regional and UPMC Health System, you may be wondering if your health care will be affected. Katie Collett reports that the hospital board says the quality of health care will remain the same.

:35 – Package

John Augustine – Lee Regional Health System

5/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

LEE SEPARATION

The possibility of a hospital split between UPMC and Lee Hospital remains an option today with the added talk of a possible merger with Conemaugh Health System. All the possibilities have employees worrying about their jobs. Mark Allen reports.

:45 – Package

John Augustine – Lee Regional Health System

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5/27/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

BREAST CANCER

Breast cancer in men is much more rare than in women. But a new study shows men more likely to have deadlier forms. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:02 – Package

Sharon Giordano, MD – Anderson Cancer Center

Richard Pitre – Breast Cancer patient

5/31/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross is appealing to everybody to donate blood this summer. The need for blood in the summer is much higher.

:36 – SOT/VO

Eleaine Book – Johnstown

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . MAY

Nightly News

Tuesday, 5/4

Robert Bazell reports on steroids, what they can do to your body, and why they are becoming so difficult to detect.

Nightly News

Tuesday, 5/11

New researchers look at the survivors' quality of life years after battling prostate cancer. What can be expected in terms of physical and emotional health down the road?

Nightly News

Wednesday, 5/12

Robert Bazell reports on new findings about what contributes to a patient's chances of developing osteoporosis. How can you lower your risk?

Nightly News

Monday, 5/17

How does the popular Atkin's diet compare to the more traditional low fat approach in the long term? Robert Bazell reports on the surprising results of a new study.

Nightly News

Tuesday, 5/18

Does a common childhood vaccine increase a patient's risk of developing autism? Robert Bazell reports on new research that every parent should hear.

Today Show

Tuesday, 5/18

Low carb vs. low fat: Dr. Walter Willett, Chair of the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health, sits down with Katie to discuss the results of his study comparing the diets.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 5/19

Fed up with insurance companies, a growing number of doctors are accepting cash only. How will this affect your medical care, and is it a solution to the health care crisis?

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . MAY

Nightly News

Thursday, 5/20

Higher co-pays are driving some patients to cut back on necessary medications. Robert Hager reports on this dangerous trend.

Nightly News

Monday, 5/24

Robert Bazell reports on promising new research carried out at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis on the treatment of paralysis. Researchers used a combination of nerve cell therapy and drugs to restore leg movement in paralyzed rats.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 5/26

Robert Bazell reports on new research which calls the accuracy of traditional means of prostate cancer screening into question.

Nightly News

Thursday, 5/27

New technology now makes it possible for a doctor anywhere in the world to read an x-ray taken at your local hospital. How is this changing the face of emergency care?

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6/2/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

KIDS CHOLESTEROL

Tens of thousands of American kids are living with high cholesterol levels above 130, although they look healthy. They JUNE have a high cholesterol gene that can cause deadly changes to blood vessels.

:39 – SOT/VO

Paul Norton, MD – Pediatrician

6/3/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

METABOLIC SYNDROME

There is new evidence that the growing problem of obesity is creating a serious health risk that was thought to exist mostly in adults. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on how Metabolic Syndrome is starting kids on the road to heart disease at a very young age.

1:16 – Package

Ram Weiss, MD – Yale School of Medicine

6/3/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

COLOSSAL COLON

One in seven cases of colon cancer involves someone from Pennsylvania. In an effort to bring awareness to the need for testing, a forty-foot colon was on display today at Lakemont Park.

:40 – SOT/VO

Dr. Ralph McKibbin – Cancer expert

6/4/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

OVARIAN SYNDROME

A common problem among reproductive-aged women is Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. But many don't even know they have it. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:33 – Package

Ellen Bender – Polycystic ovary patient

Richard Scott, MD – Morristown Hospital

6/4/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SLEEP DISORDERS

The National Center on Sleep Disorder Research says almost 70 million Americans suffer from Sleep disorders. But most cases go undiagnosed or treated.

:35 – SOT/VO

Karl Doghranji, MD – Sleep Specialist

6/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

CONEMAUGH / UPMC MERGER

Conemaugh's Memorial Medical Center wants to purchase Lee Hospital while the Lee Hospital Board wants to take control of their own hospital back from UPMC. Sophia Wharton reports on the fight over Lee.

:57 – Package

Robert Gleason – Memorial Medical Board

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6/7/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SUPPLY

Officials at the Red Cross in Johnstown are concerned that they only have a two-day supply of blood. So far this spring, donations are particularly low.

:37 – SOT/VO

Jennifer Mansfield – Red Cross

6/7/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Mark Allen

JOINT SURGERY

There is new hope tonight for people with joint pain. For many, the pain is so severe, their only option is surgery. No a Johnstown Hospital is offering a less-invasive procedure. Mark Allen reports.

:48 – Package

Bill Haslett – Patient

6/7/04, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CORD BLOOD

Umbilical cord blood is loaded with the cells needed to replace diseased or damaged bone marrow.

:35 – SOT/VO

Dr. Pablo Rubinstein – New York Blood Center

6/8/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

ALZHEIMERS ADVANCES

Giant steps have been taken in fighting Alzheimer's Disease since President Reagan went public with his battle ten years ago. These advances could help slow the disease, giving sufferers many more years without the loss of memory, and easing the burden on caregivers. Katie Collett reports.

1:17 – Package

Lester Weiss – Altoona Hospital

Barbara Rappaport – Geriatric Medicine

6/8/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

WALK OF LIFE PT. 1

Each year, a quarter million people have their knees replaced with metal and plastic parts. The surgery takes hours and the recovery is long and painful. Mark Allen reports on two new procedures offered at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center that can take some of the pain out of a knee replacement.

1:58 – Package

Dr. Edward Hill - Conemaugh Hospital

Dr. Michael Moses – Orthopedic Surgeon

6/8/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

KNEE REPLACEMENT PT. 2

It has never been easier for knee replacement patients to recover from surgery, but all people are not candidates for the new procedures.

1:00 – Live

Amy Bradley – Conemaugh Health Systems

R.P. James Ridella – Conemaugh Health Systems

In cooperation with the Conemaugh Health System, WJAC operated a phone bank staffed with medical professionals to answer viewer questions on joint pain and problems from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday 6/8 & Wednesday 6/9.

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6/8/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

RURAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE

Medical malpractice insurance problems in Pennsylvania are hitting rural hospitals hard as they continue to lose surgeons. A local Congressman met with hospital administrators today to get a better picture of the problem.

:46 – SOT/VO

Congressman John Peterson – (R) 5th District

6/9/04, 5 / 5:30 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

WALK OF LIFE PT. 3

Katie Collett reports on the quality of life for patients recovering from new methods of knee surgery.

:45 – Package

Julie Turner – Hip surgery

Rooney Vuckovich – Knee surgery

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11/4/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

POST OP NAUSEA

About one-third of all people going under surgery experience post-operative nausea and vomiting. Controlling it can be difficult. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on who is at risk and what can be done.

1:29 – Package

Peter Walker, MD – Jewish Medical Center

6/14/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SUPPLIES

Blood supplies across the state and particularly in the Greater Alleghenies are extremely low.

:37 – SOT/VO

6/14/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

LUNG SURGERY

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is the 4th leading cause of death in this country. The most serious form is emphysema, which afflicts 2 million Americans each year. There have been only a few good treatments for the disease until now. Dr. Max Gomez reports on new hope.

1:50 – Package

Byron Thomashow, MD – Pulmonologist

Robert Nicholson – Emphysema patient

6/15/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

OBESITY RATES

A Rockefeller University researcher says the obesity epidemic is being overblown, that it's just the fattest people who are getting fatter. But as a whole, research shows Americans are overweight and not getting thinner. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:03 – Package

Robert Yanagisawa – Weight Management Center

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: LOCAL HOSPITAL ISSUES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JUNE

6/16/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

POLYPS CALCIUM

Taking calcium may do more than protect your bones. New research indicates that it protects you against colon polyps. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:00 – Package

Mark Sapienza, MD – Englewood Hospital

6/17/04, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

DRUG ALLERGIES

Doctors always ask patients if there is a history of drug allergies. While many patients believe they have an allergy that will prevent them from getting that particular medication, new research suggests otherwise and that drug allergies do not always have the same effects. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:02 – Package

Jonathan Field, MD – Allergist

6/17/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE STUDY

Today Pennsylvania lawmakers announced they want an independent study conducted to see if doctors really are leaving the state because they can't afford insurance premiums. They say that they wonder where doctors are going, because 44 of 50 states claim to have the same problem.

:46 – SOT/VO

Rep. Mike Veon – (D) 114th District

6/18/04, 5 PM, Friday Barbara Morse

BONE DENSITY

The most common skeletal problem, osteoporosis, is one that many people don't even know they have. With one of two women affected and one of four men, bone density screenings can make a significant difference in getting help. Barbara Morse reports.

1:35 – Package

Linda Pickett – Patient

Dr. Gopalakrishnan – Rhode Island Hospital

6/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Pam Kane

DOCTORS LEAVING PA

Doctors are saying that malpractice insurance premiums are so high in Pennsylvania that they can't practice medicine here. They say many are moving out of the state. State legislators are now saying, "Prove doctors are moving out of state." Forty-four states are claiming a similar problem. Pam Kane reports.

1:03 – Package

Dr. John Littlejohn – Altoona Ob-Gyn

6/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Tracie Potts

SUPREME COURT ON HMO's

The U.S. Supreme Court today upheld a 30-year-old law that says patients cannot sue their health insurance company for malpractice in the state courts. Tracie Potts has the latest on a decision that affects 130 million Americans.

1:50 – Package

Ron Pollack – Families USA

Ruby Calad – Plaintiff 11/4/03

Karen Ignagni – America's Health Insurance

Rep. John Dingell – (D) Michigan

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: LOCAL HOSPITAL ISSUES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JUNE

6/21/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

SEIZURE ALERTING DOGS

A new study is confirming that dogs can smell something when a seizure is about to happen. The dogs develop the behavior of anticipating seizures spontaneously. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on how this can help us.

1:21 – Package

Jody Narbin – Epileptic

Dana Williams – Daughter has seizures

Steven Wolf, MD – Pediatrician

6/22/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Tracie Potts

LOW CARB DANGERS

The New partnership for Essential Nutrition claims that low carb diets could endanger your health. Tracie Potts reports.

1:00 – Package

Jeff Prince – Cancer researcher

Barbara Moore – Shape Up America

Dr. Stuart Trager – Atkins Nutritionist

6/23/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

FOLATE RISK

Folic acid, a vitamin used to prevent heart disease, could actually do more harm than good for some patients. Dr. Mike Rosen reports on who should not be taking folic acid and why.

1:33 – Package

Bhawnash Kapoor – Heart patient

Samin Sharma, MD – Mt. Sinai Medical Center

6/23/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

ANEURYSM SCREENING

Aortic aneurysms suddenly kill thousands of Americans each year. It is estimated that 2.7 million Americans are at risk for the rupturing at any time. New legislation is being proposed that will provide screenings. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

:47 – Package

6/18/04, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

ALZHEIMER DRUG

Dr. Mike Rosen reports there is disagreement among experts on the long-term effectiveness of a drug used to stem the progression of Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:08 – Package

Rita Ruskin – Husband has Alzheimer's

Giselle Wolfkein, MD – LJJ Medical Center

6/28/04, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

HANGOVER CURE

Fifteen percent of adults get at least one hangover per month. A new over the counter product is claiming it can alleviate the symptoms. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:19 – Package

Marc Siegel – NYU School of Medicine

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: LOCAL HOSPITAL ISSUES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES JUNE

6/28/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

TOXIC AIR FRESHNER

New studies show plug in air freshners, when combined with ozone, forms a toxic mixture that includes formaldehyde inside your home.

:35 – SOT/VO

Barry Ryan – Emory University

6/30/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

HEART CALCIUM

What is the best way to determine if someone is at risk for a heart attack or stroke? You don't hear about it too often but heart calcium scores could be an accurate indication. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:31 – Package

Allen Guerci, MD – St. Francis Hospital

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . JUNE

TODAY

Thursday, 6/17

TODAY has more on a new report from the US General Accounting Office being released on Thursday, which illustrates a growing problem - consumers buying drugs on the Internet without valid prescriptions from their doctors. TODAY profiles 18-year-old Ryan Haight from San Diego, who bought Vicadin online and died from an overdose.

TODAY

Thursday, 6/17

TODAY talks to Dr. Sheryl Kingsberg about the female equivalent to Viagra. The new female testosterone patch is called: "Intrinsa" and is intended to improve sexual desire and satisfaction in women whose sexual desire has vanished.

TODAY

Friday, 6/18

On TODAY's Health, Denise Spatafora, president and founder of *Bornclear* talks about using the practice of "HypnoBirthing" during labor.

TODAY

Monday, 6/21

TODAY talks to Ellie Krieger, a registered dietician about the national obsession to lose weight. Krieger helps unsuccessful dieters find the way to their ideal weight. This is part of a special issue of PEOPLE magazine, due out on newsstands on Monday called: "Your Diet."

TODAY

Monday, 6/21

TODAY talks with Dr. Gary Small about ways to reduce the risk of getting Alzheimer's.

Nightly News

Monday, 6/21

The Supreme Court ruled that patients cannot sue when HMO's refuse to pay for treatments. How will this controversial decision affect the health care you and your families receive?

Nightly News

Tuesday, 6/22

Will the constant red tape of insurance cause physicians to give up on the field of medicine all together?

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . JUNE

Nightly News

Tuesday, 6/1

Chip Reid reports on the first day that older Americans can use their drug discount cards. The cards are intended as a temporary measure until prescription drug insurance under Medicare begins in 2006. How are the cards working.

TODAY

Friday, 6/4

On TODAY's fitness, how the video game known as "Dance Revolution" is helping people to lose weight.

Nightly News

Monday, 6/7

Robert Bazell reports on the new drugs that are showing unprecedented promise in treating cancer.

Nightly News

Thursday, 6/10

Is the mammogram test that has detected the deadly disease, breast cancer, flawed. Robert Bazell reports.

TODAY

Tuesday, 6/15

TODAY talks to Dr. Dean Ornish, the founder, president and director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, California and author of "Eat More, Weigh Less" about his article in this weeks TIME Magazine, calling for a truce in the whole diet debate.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 6/16

More than 400 thousand overweight Americans are turning to liposuction to get rid of fat cells. But can the procedure help with other health-related weight problems? Robert Bazell reports that the answer is no.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 6/16

How easy is it to purchase dangerous drugs on the Internet without a doctor's prescription? A new report suggests it's easier than you think.

NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . JUNE

Nightly News

Wednesday, 6/23

Seeking perfection from face-lifts to liposuction, have we become a nation obsessed with plastic surgery?

Nightly News

Thursday, 6/24

There are concerns tonight about the newest cholesterol-lowering drug. One consumer group wants this medication banned.

Nightly News

Friday, 6/25

Could a new diet make the low carb craze history? Why is it that an ancient plan may hold the key to staying slim?

TODAY

Tuesday, 6/29

On TODAY's Health, raising awareness about NPH, Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus. TODAY talks to Anthony Marmarou, Vice Chairman of Neurosurgery at the Medical College of Virginia and a board member of the Hydrocephalus association and Bob Fowler, an NPH patient whose life improved after proper diagnosis and treatment.

TODAY

Tuesday, 6/29

TODAY starts a four-day series called "Testing Your Baby." This series will provide viewers with more information about screening your newborn for genetic diseases - the state you live in determines the number of diseases your newborn is tested for. *Guest:* Jennifer Howse, president of the March of Dimes will be TODAY's guest for the entire week. Today, a profile of two families whose lives were changed or could have been changed b/c of genetic screening.

TODAY

Wednesday, 6/30

Part two of TODAY's series called "Testing Your Newborn." On Wednesday, Jennifer Howse, president of the March of Dimes share important information that all parents need to know about genetic screening. In addition, Robin Haygood, the president of an on-line parental advocacy group, "Savebabies.org." will join with a guest for this segment.

HEALTH JUNE

Dr. Phil **6/2/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Thousands of people flock to beaches and tanning salons to look good in the moment. But what are the long-term effects of these habits. Dr. Phil discusses premature aging and anti-aging.

Show #: 2005 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **6/25/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil advises on how to end addictions. He explains that while some are addicted to medications and substances, others can be addicted to self-destructive behavior.

Show #: 2082 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **6/28/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

What happens when a loved one is dangerously obese and won't do anything about it? Can family members conduct a weight intervention to make those who are so dangerously overweight acknowledge their problem? Dr. Phil advises how to do it.

Show #: 2065 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE APRIL

4/9/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

TAKING DRUGS OFF THE STREET

There was a huge victory in the war on drugs this week, as a major drug ring was brought to its knees. But residents of Lilly and Cresson say that's not enough. They say they want drugs out of the community, and that will take more policemen on the force. Katie Collett reports.

:55 – Package

Pat Erzal – Lilly resident

4/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

DRUG BUST

Another drug bust in Centre County is the second in a week after nine months of investigation. The weed came from California, and local police want pushers to know that they can't peddle their drugs in this area. Natasha McBroom reports on why this bust is important.

:45 – Package

Trooper Dave McGarvey – PA State Police

4/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Pam Kane

METH HOUSE

A blast ripped through a Clearfield County home today, sending the home owner to the hospital and police investigating the scene. Indications point to this house being a methamphetamine lab, with the horrific fire being an example of the tremendous dangers involved with having these substances around. Pam Kane reports.

:50 – Package

Bill Larsen – Sandy Township Fire Chief

4/30/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Sanjay Gupta

NARCOTIC LOLLIPOPS

A number of drug arrests in Pennsylvania has doctors concerned about a new drug-of-choice for teens in the state. They're called narcotic lollipops used to treat pain in cancer patients. Dr. Sanjay Gupta reports.

1:40 – Package

Sgt. Jess Freer – Philadelphia Police

Joseph Sullivan – Philadelphia Police

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE MAY

5/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

PRESCRIPTION ABUSE

About 30 percent of drug abuse comes from prescription drugs. Now the PA Attorney General fears that the introduction of new and more powerful painkillers will make addiction a crisis. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:09 – Package

Lori Armen – Addiction Counselor

Jerry Pappert – PA Attorney General

5/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

COCAINE DEALER

Undercover cops in Centre County say they've taken down one of the largest suppliers of cocaine in the county. Regina Miller reports it is a major blow to the drug market in State College.

:48 – Package

5/4/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

DRUG COURT

Drug Court is a national program that has been used in Blair County for four years. It is an alternative to the conventional sentencing of jail time. Natasha McBroom investigates how the program works.

1:03 – Package

Jessica Reed – Drug addict

5/4/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

DRUG COURT EFFECTIVENESS

Blair County put a drug court program in place four years ago. Is it working or is it a waste of taxpayers' money? Natasha McBroom investigates.

3:20 – Package

Jessica Reed – Recovering addict

Brian Barley – Parole officer

Ray Shaw – Case manager

Tom Shea – Program coordinator

5/5/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MARIJUANA ABUSE

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed more Americans are abusing Marijuana to the point where it is difficult to function in social situations.

:30 – VO

5/13/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STOP DRUGS

Community leaders, parents, and residents of Johnstown met at the Family Center today to talk about the drug problem in our area and what they can do to stop it. Recent shootings in Johnstown were drug related.

:58 – SOT/VO

Mary Schroyer – Executive Director

5/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

FENTANYL

There's a new drug of choice among addicts in Cambria and Somerset Counties that is 100 times more potent than oxycontin. Officials are getting the word out that Fentanyl is causing an alarming number of deaths. Mark Allen reports.

1:17 – Package

Wallace Miller – Somerset County Coroner

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE JUNE

6/4/04, 6 PM, Friday Sara Burget

ANTI-DRUG FAIR

How can you stop your kids from getting into drugs this summer? The Cambria County Anti-Drug Program has a plan with youth fairs all over the county. Sara Burget reports.

1:21 – Package

Jude Butch – Volunteer

Lindsey Stephens - Volunteer

Carole Lacey – Coordinator

6/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STOP THE DRUGS

Stop The Drugs is a new committee formed to fight a growing drug problem in Johnstown. They're intention is to get drug dealers out of their neighborhoods.

:36 – SOT/VO

Sharon Jones – Stop The Drugs

6/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

DRUGS IN SCHOOL ZONE

Over 40 suspected drug dealers were rounded up today in Blair County. Those arrested are accused of selling drugs close to children. Police credit the drug hotline for aiding in this major offensive against drug dealers. Pam Kane reports.

:59 – Package

Randy Feathers – State Attorney General's Office

6/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

DRUG COURT

Forty-seven people are behind bars after a successful drug raid in Blair County. Many are repeat offenders, but a few are first timers and eligible for drug court. Does drug court work and how? Pam Kane reports.

:50 – Package

Dave Gorman – Blair County D.A.

Randy Feathers – Blair County D.A.

6/17/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

DRUG PROBLEM

Drug busts are very expensive when it comes to the sweeping raids we saw a few days ago in Blair County. For small police departments like Logan Township, the overtime required is a major expense. When it was just once a year, it wasn't s bad, but now the raids are coming every month or so.

:35 – SOT/VO

Chief Ron Heller – Logan Township Police Department

6/22/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

METH CRACKDOWN

With the seizing of 74 meth labs in Pennsylvania this year alone, lawmakers are introducing legislation to give law enforcement more tools in prosecuting those who make methamphetamine labs.

:25 – VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG ABUSE JUNE

6/30/04, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BLAIR PRISON

Drugs are a common reason women end up in prison. Today, Congressman Bill Shuster delivered \$300,000 in funding to the Blair County Prison to be used in a new program to rehabilitate women being released after drug offenses.

:31 – SOT/VO

Bill Shuster – PA Congressman

DRUG ADDICTION JUNE

Dr. Phil **6/14/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Drugs destroy lives, kill loved ones, and tear family apart. How can a family help a drug-addicted son? Dr. Phil explains what a drug intervention is and how it works.

Show #: 2037 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **6/15/04**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil conducts a drug intervention with a family whose son is drug-addicted. How can the family convince their son that he needs help and persuade him to cooperate with treatment?

Show #: 2207 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: IRAQI PRISON SCANDAL/ LOCAL TIES . . . MAY

5/3/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

LOCAL SOLDIER INVOLVED

It is now known that a local soldier is responsible for taking some of the photo's in the Iraq prison scandal. Jeremy Sivits from Hyndman has been named as one of six soldiers at the prison charged with the abuse. Katie Collett reports on reaction from his friends and neighbors who say he must have been following orders.

:49- Package

5/3/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

LEADERS REACT

Local political leaders say that the result of the Iraq prison abuse may be more violence against U.S. troops in that country and more fuel for Islamic extremists and terrorists.

:40 - SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 12th District

5/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

WHISTLE BLOWER

A soldier from our area is being credited with raising the red flag on prisoner abuse in Iraq. As a result, his wife has gone into hiding, fearing a backlash. But his sister-in-law says his family considers him a hero. Mark Allen reports.

1:26 - Package

Maxine Carroll - Sister-in-law

5/4/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

MILITARY HISTORIAN

The scenes of U.S. Military personnel persecuting Iraqi prisoners have inspired a wide variety of strong reactions. Today we asked a Penn State Military Historian who spent time in the Marines as both an enlisted man and an officer about his reaction to what happened at the prison. Regina Miller reports that he finds the actions indefensible.

:49 - Package

Steve Manuel - PSU Military Expert

5/5/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

REFUSING ORDERS

If soldiers were instructed to abuse Iraqi prisoners, some wonder why they couldn't defy the order, if they knew it was wrong. But soldiers say it is not as simple as that, that they don't have the option to determine whether an order is lawful or not. Mark Allen reports.

1:20 - Package

Craig Bernat - Retired sailor

5/6/04 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

SOLDIER TALKS

A Clearfield County soldier accused of prisoner abuse early last year is back in Clearfield County. Sergeant Scott McKenzie, a former military policeman, says there are problems with the commanding officers at the Iraqi prison camps. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:50 - Package

Sgt. Scott McKenzie - Discharged for abuse

5/6/04 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MURTHA REAX

As new pictures emerge of Iraqi prisoner abuse, an area lawmaker is boiling mad about the scandal. He says there is nothing that can be done to fix this kind of thing, and that it could cost the U.S. what little support is remaining for us in the Arab region.

:38 - SOT/VO

Rep. John Myrtha - (D) 12th District

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5/7/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

RESIGN OR NOT

The Iraq prison scandal involves a number of people from our area, the whistleblower and some abusers. The scandal has everyone in our area voicing their opinion. There was mixed reaction as to whether Rumsfeld should resign.

:58 – SOT/VO

Melissa Spishak – Should resign

Nat Barbera – Should not resign

5/7/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

MURTHA REACTION

Congressman John Murtha is voicing his opinion on the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq from the very beginning and the prisoner abuse. Murtha gave some really inflammatory comments suggesting Rumsfeld should resign. Sophia Wharton reports.

:45 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

5/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

ISLAMIC NUDDITY

In the Islamic culture, nudity is a very serious crime. In fact, even inside a home, nudity is not allowed. So for the Iraqi prisoners, no clothes while a woman was in charge of them was the ultimate abuse. Natasha McBroom reports on the reaction of local Islamics.

:43 – Package

Dr. Muhammed Dowlut – Central PA Islamic Center

5/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

HYNDMAN REACTION

Specialist Jeremy Sivits's hometown of Hyndman is supporting their hometown soldier who is about to face court martial for prisoner abuse in Iraq. Mark Allen has their reaction.

1:04 – Package

Harry Shroyer – Neighbor

Lorelei Gordon – Family friend

5/10/04, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

POW TREATMENT

An international law expert says that the actions of local soldier Jeremy Sivits and others charged with the abuse may be putting the U.S. in clear violation of the rules of war. Alison Burns reports.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Anthony Arend – International Law expert

5/11/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

AMERICAN BEHEADED

In retaliation for the prisoner abuse in Iraq, militant extremists kidnapped a Pennsylvania contractor in Iraq and beheaded him on a video they posted on a website. Now Pennsylvania's senators are calling for an intensive manhunt for the killers.

1:15 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

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5/11/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PETERSON COMMENTS

Congressman John Murtha's comments about the war in Iraq and the prisoner abuse situation came as a surprise to even some of his fellow lawmakers. He questioned whether the action there was doomed. Not everyone agrees.

:36 – SOT/VO

Congressman John Peterson – (R) 5th District

5/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

BEHEADING OUTRAGE

Political leader are not the only ones outraged at the beheading of a Pennsylvania contractor in Iraq. Callers to WRTA radio's talk shows are so mad that they are suggesting a violent course of action. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:04 – Package

Charlie Weston – Radio host

5/12/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

IRAQI JOBS

Nick Berg was lured to Iraq with the promise of making lots of money. With the unemployment rate in Pennsylvania of 8.1 percent, are local people tempted to take contractor jobs in Iraq? Sophia Wharton asked around.

:59 – Package

Tom Telenko – Johnstown

Rod Lehman – Johnstown

David Messenger – Somerset County

5/12/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

FEMALE VETS REACTION

When asked their opinions of U.S. soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners and the militants' horrific murder in response, local female veterans have varying opinions, but they agree that Iraq is going to continue being a dangerous place.

:49 – SOT/VO

B.G. Wilma Vaught – Retired Air Force

Sgt. Kelley Mousaw – Retired Army

5/13/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

MCKENZIE TALKS

As soldiers from Pennsylvania continue to be accused of the prison abuse in Iraq, a Clearfield soldier is fighting back. He is accused of abuse at Camp Bucca in Iraq. He describes the conditions there and what he saw. Sophia Wharton reports on how he hopes to prove his innocence.

:55 – Package

Sgt. Scott McKenzie – Accused of abuse

5/13/04, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

SENATORS REACTION

The U.S. government thinks it has identified the group responsible for the death of PA contractor Nick Berg. Both PA senators say that America will now fight even harder in the war on terrorism.

1:05 – Package

Sen. Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

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5/13/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SOLDIER ARRAIGNMENT

A date has been set for the arraignment of the second PA soldier accused of prisoner abuse, Specialist Charles Graner, Jr. of Fayette County.

:25 - VO

5/13/04, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BERG FATHER

Michael Berg, the father of slain Philadelphia contractor Nick Berg, is blaming the Bush administration for the death of his son/

:46 - SOT/VO

Michael Berg - Nick Berg's father

5/13/04, 5 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

SANTORUM REACTION

One former soldier accused of abusing prisoners says her family wrote letters and e-mails to U.S. officials about the abuse. One letter supposedly went to PA Senator Rick Santorum. Alison Burns reports.

1:00 - Package

Sen. Rick Santorum - (R) Pennsylvania

5/14/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SIVITS LATEST

There are new developments today in the case of the Bedford County soldier accused of taking photos of abuse at an Iraqi prison. Jeremy Sivits is expected to plead guilty on Wednesday, saying he was not authorized by higher-ups in the chain of command.

:31 - VO

5/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

GRANER CHARGES

There is now more on the charges facing the second local soldier charged in the Iraq prisoner abuse scandal. Charles Graner is charged with adultery and obstruction of justice.

:30 - VO

5/14/04, 11 PM, Friday Alan Jennings

GRANER'S HOMETOWN

Fayette County native Charles Graner is facing a military court martial in connection with the prison abuse scandal. Alan Jennings spoke with people in Graner's hometown to hear if they are supporting the soldier.

1:06 - Package

Tom Zebada - Graner's friend

5/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DARBY'S MOM

The mother of the Pennsylvania soldier who alerted the army about the prisoner abuse is speaking out against those who are saying her son shouldn't have told.

:35 - VO

5/18/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

SIVITS RALLY

Specialist Jeremy Sivits is set to face a court martial tomorrow in Baghdad, but tonight, his hometown is set to show their support. Mark Allen reports.

::39 - Live

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5/18/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

HYNDMAN RALLY

Jeremy Sivits's hometown of Hyndman is not wavering in their support of him and all their soldiers in Iraq. Tonight, they rallied to let everyone know that they still believe in Sivits and feel certain he was following orders. Mark Allen was at the rally and reports.

1:06 – Package

Amy Leydig – Organizer

Barb Lehman – Former bus driver

Daniel Sivits – Jeremy's Father

5/18/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

DARBY HOMETOWN

Army Specialist Joseph Darby is being hailed a hero in an editorial in USA Today for blowing the whistle on prisoner abuse in Iraq. In his hometown, some believe he has a special brand of courage to stand up against following an order that is wrong, but others say he should have kept quiet. Sophia Wharton reports.

:47 – Package

David Shaffer – Jennerstown

Sean Gibson – Boswell

5/19/04, 5 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

BAGHDAD TRIAL

What was PA military mechanic Jeremy Sivits doing near prisoners in the Iraq prison? After Sivits court martial today, it appears he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

1:23 – Package

Mike Williams – Attended court martial

5/19/04, 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

MANUAL REACTION

What does the sentence given to PA soldier Jeremy Sivits mean for those other soldiers who are awaiting legal hearing in Iraq? A local military expert is surprised by the harshness of the sentence given Jeremy's cooperation. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 – Package

Steve Manuel – Military expert

5/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HOMETOWN REACTION

Throughout the prisoner abuse scandal, Jeremy Sivits's hometown of Hyndman in Bedford County has stood by him. Now that he is headed to prison, does he still have their support? Mark Allen reports.

1:22 – Package

Mark King – Hyndman

Del Miller - Hyndman Mayor

Rev. Mark Blair – Hyndman

5/19/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Pam Kane

TEACHING / SIVITS

Since the Iraqi prisoner abuse pictures came out, many are second-guessing whether those pictures should have been shown at all. That moral dilemma is making it more difficult to teach kids the right thing to do. One Altoona teacher is trying to help 10th graders learn how to make their own opinion based on facts and listening to both sides of the story. Pam Kane reports on teens dealing with these not-so-clear-cut questions.

:47 – Package

George Gluscic – History teacher

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: IRAQI PRISON SCANDAL/ LOCAL TIES . . . MAY

5/19/04, 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

HYNDMAN REACTION

In his hometown, everyone knows Jeremy Sivit's name. But not everyone shares the same opinion of his conduct in Iraq at the prison where he is stationed. And what effect has this scandal had on the town of Hyndman that has been thrust into national attention? Katie Collett reports.

1:21 - Package

Rep. John Murtha - (D) 12th District

Laura Rutherford - Bedford County

Gerald Grasser - Bedford County

Shirl Rush - Bedford County

Rev. Mark Blair - Hyndman

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: IRAQI PRISON SCANDAL/ LOCAL TIES . . . JUNE

6/3/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PRISONER ABUSE

Two more U.S. soldiers from Pennsylvania have pleaded guilty in the prison abuse scandal. This time they admitted to giving electric shocks to Iraqi prisoners.

:25 - VO

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... APRIL

4/1/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

RIISING GAS PRICE

Americans use 77 million barrels of oil a day. With OPEC cutting production, gas prices are climbing. How can you save on your gas bill? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:01 – Package

Bill Huston – Westmont Mobil

4/1/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

GAS EFFICIENT

Maybe you're thinking of trading in that gas-guzzling SUV for something more fuel efficient. We have assembled information on the most fuel-efficient vehicles.

:31 – VO

4/2/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

RETURN CALLING CARDS

The Penny Power Phone Card Company has gone out of business leaving many consumers stuck with worthless phone cards. However, many grocery stores where the cards are sold are offering to replace them.

:49 – SOT/VO

Pat Pasternak – Johnstown

4/2/04, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HYBRID CARS

A new line of hybrid cars run on a combination of gas and electricity. They'll give you 68 miles to the gallon, but are priced higher than a lot of consumers can afford.

:44 – SOT/VO

Vince Golden – Johnstown

Alan Manges – Alvin's Honda

Amanda Rovidia – Johnstown

Shane Rovanseck – Johnstown

4/2/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

GAS TAX

While the cost of fuel is rising, that's not all you pay for at the pump. Every time you fill up, you're helping pave roads because of the PA gas tax. It is the third highest gas tax in the nation. Sophia Wharton reports that the freeze-thaw cycle in our state is costly when it comes to fuel prices.

1:10 – Package

Agnes Kazik – Johnstown

John Edwards – Johnstown

Matt McGlynn – Johnstown

4/5/04, 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

CONSTRUCTION CODE

The uniform construction code will affect anyone who wants to build new property or remodel something they already own. But it is definitely going to cause consumers more money. Ryan Leckey reports.

:57 – Package

Debbie Willkow – Berlin

Ralph Blanset – Construction worker

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... APRIL

4/8/04, 5 / 11 PM, Thursday Brian Mooar

SUMMER GAS PRICES

If you are planning a summer driving trip, you can plan on paying more for gas. The price will put a strain on family budgets, and also hurt tourism in our area. Brian Mooar reports.

1:34 – Package

Leslie Meyers – Tourist

Guy Caruso – Energy Information Administration

4/12/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HYBRID CARS / GAS PRICES

As the price at the pump goes up, more hybrid fuel efficient cars are appearing in showrooms. Is the price crunch enough to spur consumers into buying these cars?

:42 – SOT/VO

Walter McManus – J.D. Power & Associates

4/13/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

ICE CREAM PRICES

Why are prices of ice cream going up? Regina Miller reports.

:52 – Package

James Dunn – PSU Expert

4/13/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

NEGATIVE EQUITY

Do you owe more on your car than it is worth. Negative equity is a practice that has consumers paying for cars that don't even run anymore.

:59 – SOT/VO

Rich Call – Consumer Credit Counsel

4/15/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Julie Vallese

YARD SALES

It is about that time of year when people start holding yard sales. But if you sell something that is faulty, you could be libel if there is a mishap from the item. Julie Vallese reports.

1:40 – Package

Hal Stratton – Consumer Safety Commission

Alan Korn – National Safe Kids Campaign

4/16/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

PORNOGRAPHIC EMAIL / NEW REGULATIONS

Starting in mid May, The Federal Trade Commission will require a warning to be put into the subject line of any e-mail that contains sexually oriented material. Natasha McBroom reports.

:50 – Package

Linda Riner – Parent

Brent Fisher – Altoona City Council

Josh Koontz – Pennswood.net

4/19/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic & Jen Kallin

911 SURCHARGE / CELL PHONES

Cell phone users in Pennsylvania will see their bills increase by \$1.25 per month thanks to an emergency services surcharge. The money will help buy equipment to pinpoint cell phone users locations.

:42 – SOT/VO

Dan Tancibok – Centre County 9-1-1 Director

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... APRIL

4/19/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

MILK PRICES

Milk prices are on the rise. While consumers aren't happy, dairy farmers say it is a necessity. They say with feed prices up, the profit is already spent. Mark Allen reports.

:52 - Package

Ed Thomas - Dairy Farmer

Miguel Saviroff - PSU Ag Extension

4/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

TIRE PERFORMANCE / SAVE MONEY AT PUMP

Making sure your tires are properly inflated will help you save money on gas. It could get you as much as three percent better gas mileage.

:43 - SOT/VO

Don Shea - Rubber Tire Association

4/23/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

HYBRID TRUCK

New technology to improve gas mileage is usually found in smaller vehicles. But more trucks and SUV's are now rolling with fuel efficient equipment.

:39 - SOT/VO

Kristin Buchholz - Penn State's Team Radar

4/27/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRESCRIPTION COSTS

Beginning Thursday, the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will offer on-line prescription price comparisons in an effort to get consumers the best deal possible.

:33 - VO

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUES APRIL

Nightly News

Friday, 4/2

Nightly News provides a special in-depth report on the cost of gas. With prices at an all-time high, how can you save money? Plus, are hybrid cars the wave of the future? From hybrid cars to hydrogen fuel cell, Kerry Sanders will report on the search for ways to reduce dependence on gas. Kerry will look at the options already out there - and the anticipated increase in new technologies available in the very near future.

Today Show

Friday, 4/2

Robert Hager will report on who's to blame for the exorbitant gas prices. He will look at the role factors such as the soaring cost of crude oil and the high cost of refining play in what people are paying at the pump.

Dateline

Sunday, 4/18

Dateline Sunday on April 18th will include one segment in which Lea Thompson reports on the latest automobile crash test research by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In these tests, the institute focused on side impact crash tests for the more popular midsize cars.

Among them:

Toyota Camry

Honda Accord

Chevrolet Malibu

Hyundai Sonata

Saturn L

Mitsubishi Galant

Suzuki Verona

Nissan Altima

Dodge Stratus

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... MAY

5/3/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

NEW REGULATIONS FOR INFOMERCIALS

The Electronic Retailing Association has come up with a self-regulation plan for infomercials that requires advertisers to prove their claims.

:44 – SOT/VO

5/5/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

GAS PRICES / NOT SO HIGH?

Gas prices continue to climb; we are marking the third straight week of record-high prices. But some experts think the rise is about to stop. Why?

:44 – SOT/VO

Turgay Ertekin – PSU Professor

5/10/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Regina Miller

GAS PRICES

Gas prices continue to climb, nearing \$2.00 per hour. What will it take to alter driving habits? Regina Miller reports.

:43 – Package

George Kesidis – State College Resident

5/14/04, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CAR ACCIDENT COST RISING

Property damage to cars in accidents is a higher cost to repair than ever before. That may make insurance bills higher. But the complex safety equipment on board may help keep costs lower.:53 – SOT/VO

John Eager – Property Casualty Insurers

5/17/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

DELIVERIES & GAS

While everyone is complaining about gas, those who drive to make a living are particularly upset about the price rises. Sophia Wharton looks at their problem.

:43 – Package

Mark McIntire – Delivers pizzas

5/17/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

MILEAGE TIPS

How can you get the most out of every drop of gas? There are things drivers can do to help maximize their miles per gallon.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dr. Frank Viggiano –IUP Professor & consumer expert

5/17/04, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

DEALERS & GAS

With those high prices at the pump, are car dealers having trouble unloading their gas-guzzling Sport Utility vehicles? Or is it a great time to get a bargain? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:10 – Package

Chas Cypher – Johnstown

Frank Arcurio – GM Laurel Ford

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... MAY

5/20/04, 5 / 11 PM, Thursday Bill Brown

DOLLAR STORES

Dollar stores offer attractive discounts on name-brand products, but does the quality of some items make the savings worthless? Bill Brown investigates food products at Dollar stores.

2:32 – Package

Lois Kenney – Consumer

Mary Bach – Consumer expert

Deb Marcinik – Family Dollar manager

5/20/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

ENERGY STAR

Appliances with the federal government's "Energy Star" energy efficiency ratings would be exempt from the six percent state sales tax for two weeks per year under recently introduced legislation.

:44 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

5/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CELL PHONE DIRECTORY

Later this year, the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association will publish a wireless subscriber directory. Cell phone numbers will be public knowledge.

:28 – VO

5/21/04, 11 PM, Friday Jeff Napshin

GAS & AUTO SALES

This soaring cost of gas is finally slashing into new car sales. After years of growth, the SUV could be on the decline. Jeff Napshin reports.

1:14 – Package

David Reynolds – Alexandria Toyota Manager

Justin McNaull – AAA

5/21/04, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

BIKE TO WORK

If high gas prices are pinching your budge and you want to check out another form of transportation, bicycles are getting a serious look. Gary Sinderson reports on new versions that carry passengers.

:43 – Package

Paul Simpson – Bike coalition

5/24/04, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

STATE GAS TAX

Many wonder why nothing is being done to lower the price of gasoline. But legislation was introduced late last week in Harrisburg to lift the state tax on gas during the Summer. However, some say that is not the way to go.

:35 – SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelier – (R) 30th District

5/25/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lea Thompson

SELL BY DATES

Many food labels have "sell by" dates but they are accompanied by language such as "best if used by" or "use by." Some consumers are confused by the dates, so Lea Thompson explains the differences and how to buy safe fresh products.

1:37 – Package

Stephanie Offut – Mother

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GAS PRICES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES ... MAY

5/25/04, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

GAS PRICES

While you can't change the price of gas, you can make the gas in your tank last longer by tuning up your car. Mark Allen reports.

1:06 – Package

Christa Obetts – Johnstown

Bill Huston – Westmont Mobil

5/25/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

CUTTING COSTS FOR GAS

If you can't cut down on your gas bill, you can examine other areas of your budget to cut costs that way. Mark Allen reports on possible savings that you can use to supplement your gas costs.

1:02 – Package

Brian Martin – Fishertown

Sharon McDonald – Family Living Educator

5/26/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PIZZA / DAIRY PRICES

The price of pizza is going up because of the rising milk and dairy prices. The price of cheese is now at a record level.

:35 – SOT/VO

Aaron Labarko – Pizza-Deli Six Pack

5/26/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

ALTERNATIVE FUELS

We've been hearing about alternatives to gas-powered cars for years, but none have made it to the mainstream marketplace. Why not? Regina Miller spoke to experts at Penn State to find out.

1:04 – Package

Joel Anstrom – Penn State Expert

5/26/04, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

GAS ADDITIVES

Can you beat the high price of gasoline with additives? Gary Sinderson spoke with an auto expert who says the answer is no.

1:00 – Package

John Simbeck, Jr. – Gemini Enterprises

5/26/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Ryan Leckey

GAS TAX

Could cutting the state gas tax be a viable option to help Pennsylvania residents with rising gas prices? Lawmakers disagree about it, but all agree that the price of gas is dragging down the state economy.

:48 – SOT/VO

Sen. Allyson Schwartz – (D) 4th District

5/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

RIISING GAS PRICES

Rising gas prices are a reality for drivers. But Natasha McBroom reports that economic experts say the price you pay at the pump effects a landscape of other things you pay for when shopping.

:57 – Package

M. Mahabub-Ul Islam – Professor of Economics

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5/28/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Ryan Leckey

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

With gas prices so high, are people still driving as far as they did last year for their Memorial Day holiday? Ryan Leckey reports that, despite burning a hole in their wallets, people are keeping their holiday traditions.

1:02 - Package

Nathan Martin - Stoystown

Gloria Hanley - Florida

5/31/04, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

GAS PINCH & TRAVEL / NOT ENOUGH TO STOP

So how bad is the gas crisis affecting your plans? Visitors to our area said they are upset about the prices, but they are not ending their travels. They say they are just traveling smarter.

:46 - SOT/VO

Daman Hollis - Philadelphia

Mark Halulka - Atlanta, GA

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUES MAY

Nightly News

Thursday, 5/13

Gas prices continue to soar, but some creative consumers are finding bargains. How do you compare costs before you fill your tank?

Nightly News

Monday, 5/24

From Meals On Wheels to the neighborhood florist, almost everyone is affected by the soaring price of gas. What is the impact in towns across the country?

Nightly News

Wednesday, 5/26

How could forgetting to pay your electric bill affect the interest rate on your credit card? How do you protect yourself from soaring credit rates?

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6/1/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

RV OWNERS

Recreational vehicles use a lot of gas. With the high price of gas, many RV dealers are worried about sales falling off, and RV owners JUNE let their vehicles sit this year. Pam Kane reports.

:50 – Package

Jim Brower – Martinsburg RV Sales

Bill Ansley – Ansley RV

6/2/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

CAR SALES

Is shelling out all the money for gas prices causing you to look at getting a more gas-efficient car? Are dealers seeing less new customers because of what we're paying at the pump? Gary Sinderson reports that car sales are as strong as ever.

1:05 – Package

Steve Goldstein – Five Star Suzuki

6/4/04, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SHEETZ GAS

Just a few hours ago, Sheetz Stores across the region dropped prices by 10 cents per gallon. We asked people their reaction to the price drop.

:43 – SOT/VO

6/4/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

COFFEE REACTION

The price of coffee could be going up, so will higher prices make you pass on the next cup? Katie Collett asked local folks.

:45 – Package

Wayne Clawson – Coffee drinker

Kenneth Reese – The Corner Coffee Shop

Sam Buchan – The Café @ Central Park

6/7/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Katie Collett

GAS PRICE DROP

After months of gas prices rising at the pump, the cost per gallon is suddenly down ten cents. Why and for how long? Katie Collett reports.

:45 – Package

6/10/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Victoria Lim

GAS GRADES

Is higher-octane gas better for your car? Victoria Lim reports that more octane doesn't necessarily mean better.

1:29 – Package

Hunchun Zhou – FI Bureau of Petroleum Inspection

Latonya Courtney – Gas customer

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6/10/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

NEW SHEETZ

Sheetz opened a new store in their chain that is breaking away from the original convenience concept. They are calling it a convenience restaurant. Natasha McBroom reports on what this means for the competition.

:45 – Package

Travis Sheetz – Sheetz Incorporated

6/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

GARBAGE FEES GOING UP

Governor Ed Rendell wants to up the fee paid by trash haulers at landfills by \$5.00 a ton. He is trying to generate revenue for the state's growing greener environmental programs. Your garbage bill could be on the way up as a result.

:32 – SOT/VO

Ted Onufrak – Centre County Waste Authority

6/16/04, 5 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

CEMENT SHORTAGE

A shortage in cement is sweeping across the country and could hit Pennsylvania soon. It carries with it an increased cost for construction of everything from homes to roads. Natasha McBroom reports.

:47 – Package

John Drzewiecki – Contractor

6/18/04, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CAMTRAN RIDERSHIP

Now that gas prices are higher, are more people riding the bus to save money? No, the ridership has actually gone down over the last several months, due to the rainy weather.

:40 – SOT/VO

Irving Cure – Johnstown Transit Authority

6/22/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DIESEL CARS

Because diesel fuel is cheaper than regular gas and the engines get better mileage, some carmakers are bringing diesel cars back.

:41 – SOT/VO

Andy Rebholz – Volkswagen Dealer

6/25/04, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

INTERNET PHONE

After cellular technology changed how Americans make phone calls, emerging internet technology may change the way landline calls are made.

:50 – SOT/VO

Michael Powell – FCC Chairman

6/28/04, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

LONG LASTING MAKEUP

A new line of cosmetics may be able to deliver on the promise of not rubbing off. Scene Gence has developed a new line of makeup that will stay on during hot summer weather and even after rinsing three times.

:39 – SOT/VO

Julie Quiram – Sengence Cosmetics

NBC – CONSUMER ISSUES JUNE

Nightly News

Tuesday, 6/1

Will you ever be able to afford a new home in this hot housing market? The series “Through The Roof” provides a real estate survival guide.

TODAY

Wednesday, 6/16

Today’s financial editor Jean Chatzky explains the most important things to consider when buying a grill.

Nightly News

Wednesday, 6/16

There is a growing trend in the airline industry: low cost carriers and cheaper flights. But how will these airlines affect their larger competitors who are already struggling?

TODAY

Wednesday, 6/30

On TODAY’s Fitness, jumping for your health. Fitness expert Kathy Kaehler shows off new safer trampolines that are an easy way to get fit.

TODAY

Wednesday, 6/30

NBC’s chief justice correspondent Pete Williams has the latest on the supreme court decision from Tuesday which declared that a law passed six years ago to shield children from Internet pornography is likely unconstitutional. TODAY will talk to Donna Rice Hughes an internationally know Internet safety expert and advocate.

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4/6/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

BALLOT PRINTING

Centre County officials say they can not wait any longer to print the ballots for the election this month. They have been waiting on a court ruling on whether Kerry Benninghoff's name should be added to the ballot.

:40 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

4/7/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BACK ON BALLOT

The State Supreme Court says incumbant Kerry Benninghoff's name can stay on the ballot for the April 27th election.

:25 – VO

4/7/04, 5 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

DEBATE FLAP

A group of Bedford veterans want to host a debate between Congressman Bill Shuster and candidate Michael DelGrosso. Unfortunately, Shuster says he won't take part.

:57 – SOT/VO

Ray Zaborney – Shuster's spokesman

4/14/04, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

MUD SLINGING

Michael Delgrosso is warning Rep. Bill Shuster that if he continues to attack his character and military background, he will have no choice but to fight back.

:57 – Live & Package

Michael DelGrosso – Congressional Candidate

Ray Zaborne – Shuster's spokesperson

4/15/04, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

HOEFFEL CAMPAIGN

Joe Hoeffel appears to be the forgotten candidate in the Senate race. He will face either Arlen Specter or Pat Toomey in November, and says neither of those candidates is talking about the issues.

:44 – SOT/VO

Congressman Joe Hoeffel – (D) Senate candidate

4/15/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic & Jen Kallin

NINTH DISTRICT RACE NASTY

The ninth District Congressional race has been one of the nastiest races we've ever seen, with plenty of mud-slinging.

:38 – SOT/VO

Rep. Rick Geist – (R) 79th Distrit

4/19/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

DELGROSSO VS SHUSTER

Two Congressional candidates in the Ninth District faced off today in a debate of the issues. Natasha McBroom reports on the message that each wanted to get across.

1:21 – Package

Michael Delgrosso – Congressional Candidate

Rep. Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

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4/23/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

DELGROSSO NEWS CONFERENCE

Congressional candidate Michael DelGrosso held a press conference today, but an uninvited guest showed up. Bill Shuster's campaign manager waited outside for DelGrosso to finish to answer charges about the negative ads about DelGrosso's military service. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:08 – Package

Ray McCombie – Veteran

Ray Zaborney – Shuster's Campaign Manager

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

REFERENDUM QUESTION

While sewer and water treatment officials are encouraging people to vote yes on a referendum question about allocating money to upgrade sewer and water systems, they still have concerns about what Governor Rendell will do with the money if the measure passes. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

Ed Englehart – Sewer & Water Authority

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

VOTER ID

All first-time voters in tomorrow's primary will be asked to show photo identification. It's a new regulation aimed at reducing voter fraud.

:36 – SOT/VO

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Election Director

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CORBETT CAMPAIGN STOP

A candidate for the office of State Attorney General stopped in Johnstown today to tell voters why they should elect him, he's already done the job.

:44 – SOT/VO

Tom Corbett – (R) Attorney General Candidate

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

SHUSTER VS DELGROSSO

On the last full day of campaigning, Congressman Bill Shuster and challenger Michael DelGrosso continue to vie for last minute votes. Natasha McBroom reports on the fight to the end.

1:12 – Package

Michael Delgross – Senatorial candidate

Bill Shuster – Senatorial candidate

4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

RACE REACTION

Arlen Specter and Pat Toomey both made a visit to the area today to stump for last minute votes. They are telling supporters to all get out and vote, but voter turnout may help one candidate more than another. Mark Allen reports.

:52 – Package

Congressman Pat Toomey – (R) Senate candidate

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Senate candidate

Ray Wrabley – UPJ Professor

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4/26/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

SPECTER TOOMEY

The Specter/ Toomey race is one of the most heated races in Pennsylvania's primary. Just what does each candidate bring to the table as they duke it out? Brigitte Langmade reports on the issues.

1:00 – Package

John Samples – Congressional Scholar

4/27/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

YOUNG VOTERS

Getting young people to vote has always been a problem. Today, a business in State College decided to provide incentive. Regina Miller reports.

1:10 – Package

Amy Jaskolski – PSU Student

Steve Hurvitz – Rock-The-Vote Volunteer

Ellen Lovelidge – PSU Student

4/27/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

VOTER TURNOUT

Did folks head to the polls today to exercise their American right to vote in the Pennsylvania primary. Sophia Wharton reports on voter turnout.

:55 – Package

Peg Robine – Ferndale

Karen Reiter – Migraine patient

4/27/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

MONITOR SYSTEM

There was something new in many voting precincts today that most voters were not aware of, a new system to monitor elections, track registration, and reduce voter fraud.

:45 – SOT/VO

Joyce McKinley – Centre County Election Director

4/27/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

WHO WILL WIN

Who will win the hotly contested race for the Republican nominee in the Ninth District? Political analysts say Shuster will win by virtue of the funds available to him. Katie Collett reports.

:40 – Package

4/27/04, 5 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

9th DISTRICT NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN

The race for the 9th District Congressional seat was a negative campaign that got worse as it went along. Now that it is over, both candidates are saying they are proud of how they ran their campaigns. Natasha McBroom reports.

:55 – Package

Michael DelGrosso – Congressional Candidate

Ray Zaborney – Shuster's Campaign Manager

Congressman Bill Shuster – (R) 9th District

4/27/04, 6 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

WEATHER & TURNOUT

Despite some close races for the primary election, it is estimated that 2 out of every 3 Pennsylvanians won't cast their vote. Today's rainy weather could also be a factor affecting turnout in our area. Ryan Leckey reports.

:49 – Package

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4/27/04, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

MONEY RAISED

Where did the candidates in the 9th Congressional District get the money to wage their campaigns? Katie Collett reports on how they get the money and what they did with it, and how it all affects the campaign.

:56 – Package

4/27/04, 11 PM, Tuesday Various

ELECTION COVERAGE

Channel 6 News provide complete coverage of election results during this news block. The following races and candidates were covered (most live from locations with interviews):

Sen. Arlen Specter	Reporter Andy Gastmeyer	Philadelphia
Sen. Candidate Pat Toomey	Mark Allen	Lehigh County
Bill Yewcic	Sophia Wharton	Ebensburg Courthouse
Haluska / Sabella	Jen Kallin	Newsroom
Michael DelGrosso	Katie Collett	Tipton
Bill Shuster	Natasha McBroom	Altoona
PA Attorney General Race	Jen Kallin	Newsroom

Other race results were reported with graphics showing vote counts. Total time spent on election reporting was 14 minutes.

4/28/04, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

RADIO SHOW REACTION

To gauge reaction to the outcome of the close election between DelGrosso and Shuster, we listened to callers on WRTA's Two-Way Talk Radio show. Natasha McBroom reports that many want to see DelGrosso run again.

1:21 – Package

Steve Clark – WRTA Radio

4/28/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

SPECTER/TOOMEY REAX

Toomey had momentum on his side and gained significant ground on Specter in recent weeks, but he came up short in the end. Can he now support Specter after such a heated campaign? Mark Allen reports that the answer is yes.

:45 – Package

Rep. Pat Toomey – (R) Senate candidate

4/28/04, 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

SPECTER NEXT

The Specter campaign is now shifting gears for the November election. He is seeking his 5th term and believes his moderate values can bring both political p-arties together. Mark Allen reports.

:36 – Package

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Senate candidate

4/29/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

VOTER FRAUD

Officials in Centre County are looking into a possible case of voter fraud, someone voting twice this past Tuesday in the Primary. It is a very serious violation with some serious consequences. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 – Package

Chris Exarchos – Centre County Commissioner

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4/30/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

VOTER FRAUD FOLLOW-UP

Accusations of voter fraud have now turned into a criminal investigation in Centre County. This morning county officials decided to turn their information over to the State Police. Gary Sinderson reports.

:52 - Package

Scott Conklin - Centre County Election Board

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Nightly News

Tuesday, 4/20

Researchers use M.R.I.'s to test patients' responses to political ads. How will this unique experiment affect the future of political campaigns?

Nightly News

Wednesday, 4/21

Chip Reid reports on military ballots and efforts to improve voting for the men and women serving overseas.

ELECTION ISSUES APRIL

PA Congressional Debate 4/19/04

Two candidates for the Republican nomination for the position of Pennsylvania 9th District Congressman debated the issues posed by various media representatives. The debate took place on the Penn State Altoona Campus for tape-delay broadcast. The participating candidates were Bill Shuster and Michael DelGrosso.

Show #: Primary 2004 Produced by WJAC-TV

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PA Senatorial Debate

4/3/04

Host: Various

Two candidates for the Republican nomination for the position of U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania debated the issues posed by various media representatives. The debate took place on April 3rd at WTAJ in Altoona, PA for tape-delay broadcast. The participants were Arlen Specter and Pat Toomey.

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5/3/04, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HOEFFEL CAMPAIGN STOP

Congressman Joe Hoeffel was in Johnstown today with a message that Sen. Arlen Specter is not the senator he used to be. He says Specter has let the state lose hundreds of thousands of jobs.

:58 – SOT/VO

Joe Hoeffel – Running for Senate

5/4/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

VOTER FRAUD UPDATE

In the wake of one person voting twice in last week's primary election, Centre County election officials are now admitting that there is some confusion with precinct lines and voter registration. Apparently over a dozen voters showed up at the wrong precinct.

:49 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Election Board

5/10/04, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

KERRY VISIT TO PA

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry stopped in Pennsylvania to promote his health care plan today.

:51 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Kerry – Presidential candidate

5/20/04, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PETERS CAMPAIGN

Joe Peters, Republican candidate for Auditor General, was campaigning in Johnstown today, pointing out that with a Democratic governor, a Republican would be a better watchdog for fiscal integrity.

:43 – SOT/VO

Joe Peters – Candidate for Auditor General

5/27/04, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SPECTER / HOEFFEL

Two Senatorial candidate attended the Showcase of Commerce in Johnstown, so we ask them how they intend to bring jobs to the area.

:55 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Senate candidate

Joe Hoeffel – (D) Senate candidate

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6/2/04, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CONTESTED ELECTION

Duane Quinn was declared the winner in the November election for District Justice in Clarion County. But a recount has determined otherwise, with some ballots being marked improperly.
:25 - VO

6/15/04, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

HIRING DEBATE

Chairman John Urban recently appointed 24 new members to the committee. But a city councilman and committee member Brent Fisher says the appointments are illegal and must wait until after the bi-annual meeting.

1:07 - SOT/VO

Brent Fisher - Committee Member

6/17/04, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HIRING DEBATE DECIDED

Blair County's Republican Committee has made a choice in the debate over 2 dozen new appointments. Despite a legal precedent set years ago, they voted to keep the appointees who were selected by the chairman just days before his re-election.

:59 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner